MINUTES

of the

Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska

Held in the Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer, Omaha, Nebraska, May 21-23, 1929.

REV. K. DE FREESE, Pastor.

ALSO

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE

Lutheran Brotherhood

April 3, 1929,

Fremont, Nebraska.

ALSO

MINUTES OF THE 1927 AND 1928 ANNUAL CONVENTIONS

of the

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SYNODICAL PAPER—Rev. G. P. Kabele, Rev. C. R. Lowe, Rev. Arthur Pinkall.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES—Rev. H. W. Monesmith, Rev. H. Scherer, Mr. Herbert Fischer.

REPRESENTATIVE TO W. M. S. CONVENTION—Rev. W. A. Klink.

PROGRAM FOR NEXT YEAR

Christ's Lutheran Church, Davenport, Nebraska.

Opening Session May 20, 2 p. m.

COMMUNION SERMON—Rev. G. E. Mortensen; alternate, Rev. W. A. Klink.

ORDINATION SERMON—Rev. L. M. Kuhns, D. D., Litt. D.; alternate, Rev. K. de Freese.

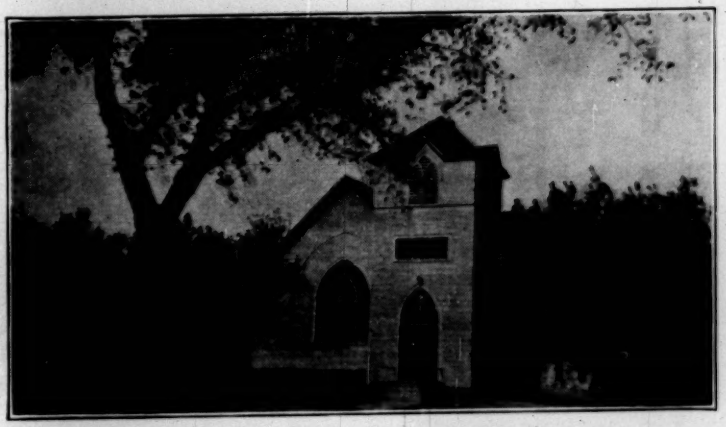
ORGANIST—Rev. E. A. Vossler.

CHORISTER—Rev. J. L. Sawyer.

CHAPLAIN—Rev. W. C. Heidenreich; alternate, Rev. C. H. Kemper.

SYNODICAL DISTRICTS

1. Northeast District—South Sioux City; Dakota City, Salem and Emmanuel, Homer; Hubbard, Ponca, Allen, Emerson and Wayne.
2. Omaha District—Omaha, St. Luke's, St. Mark's, Kountze Memorial, First English, Redeemer, Grace, and Tekamah.
3. Southeast District—Auburn, Nebraska City, Stella, Verdon, and Falls City.
4. Lincoln District—Lincoln, Grace and St. James; Eagle, Walton; Wilbur, Beatrice, Spring Valley and Hardy.
5. Fremont District—Fremont, Hooper, West Point, and Leigh.
6. Central District—York, Rising City, Grand Island, Wolbach, Ericson, Hampton, Benedict, Bethel and Zion; McCool Junction, Davenport and Stamford, two churches.
7. Western District—North Platte, Oshkosh, Lewellen, Paxton, Sutherland, Sidney, Gurley, Potter, and Bridgeport.



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
A. W. YOUNG, Pastor
STAMFORD, NEBRASKA

ROLL OF MINISTERS AND LAY DELEGATES

Ministers—St. Address	Ord.	Ent. Synod						City	Lay Delegates					
Anspach, H. A., 311 W. 5th	1913	1924	0	0	0	0	0	North Platte	Chas. Sandall	0	0	0	0	0
Baltzly, O. D., Ph. D., D. D., LL. D.,										0	0	0	0	0
2602 Farnam	1896	1911	0	0	0	0	0	Omaha	Harry Fischer	0	0	0	0	0
Bollman, E.	1890	1926						Shickley						
Cordts, H. C.	1926	1925	0	0	0	0	0	Wilber	E. G. Hopkins					
de Freese, K., 2429 Mary	1917	1916	0	0	0	0	0	Omaha	O. E. Schellberg					
Dorner, E.	1929	1929	0	0	0	0	0	Hildreth	Will Silas		0	0	0	0
Dumler, H.	1926	1925	0	0	0			Hampton	Richard Kahtz					
Ebright, O. W., 25th and K	1919	1924	0	0	0	0	0	Omaha	Henry Grimn		0	0		
Fleck, E. L.	1887	1910						Lincoln						
Frank, A. O.	1923	1922	0	0	0	0	0	Auburn	Wm. Stuff		0	0		
Guss, W. I., D. D.,														
119 No. 40th St.	1899	1919	0	0	0	0	0	Omaha						
Harder, M. J.	1925	1924	0	0	0	0	0	Oshkosh						
								Lewellen	I. E. Tilgner					
Harman, C. B.,														
503 West Second St.	1900	1909	0	0	0	0		Grand Island	I. M. Augustine	0	0	0		
Heidenreich, W. C.	1906	1928	0	0	0	0	0	Wayne	H. C. Peterson		0	0		
Hershey, J. C.	1917	1917	0	0	0	0	0	Davenport	Frank Clark	0	0	0	0	0
Kabele, G. F., 325 E. 10th	1898	1927	0	0	0	0	0	Fremont	Henry Andresen	0	0	0	0	0
Kahse, W. T., D. D.	1905	1912	0	0	0	0	0	Sidney	Henry Hargens					
								Gurley						
								Potter	Julius Johnson					
Keller, S. L.	1888	1910						Fremont						
Kemper, C. H.	1927	1926	0	0	0	0	0	Paxton						
								Sutherland	I. Sinclair	0	0	0	0	0
Klink, W. A.	1917	1917	0	0	0	0	0	West Point	J. H. Thompson	0	0	0	0	0
Kuhns, L. M., D. D.,														
458 Saun. & Kennedy Bldg.	1886	1888	0	0	0	0	0	Omaha	J. F. Smith	0	0	0	0	0
Lewis, C. H. B., D. D.														
306 East 14th St.	1904	1925	0	0	0	0	0	Fremont						
Livers, R. W., D. D.	1906	1916	0	0	0	0	0	Hooper	Wm. Niebaum					
Lowe, C. R., 214 9th St.	1907	1913	0	0	0	0	0	Beatrice						

ROLL OF MINISTERS AND LAY DELEGATES—Continued

Lowe, J. A., Ph. D., 636 No. 41st Ave.	1878	1926	0	0	0	0	0	Omaha									
Martin, H. F., Ph. D., Midland College	1905	1925	0	0	0			Fremont									
Machetski, P.	1915	1914						Buenos Ayres, South America									
Mendenhall, G. N., Ph. D., 855 East Military	1908	1922	0	0	0			Fremont									
Miller, J. C.	1915	1928	0	0	0	0	0	Allen	B. F. Hubbard	0	0	0	0	0			
Monesmith, H. W.		1929	0	0	0	0	0	Emerson	J. Bonderson								
Mortensen, E. C.	1920	1920	0	0	0	0	0	Hardy	W. H. Scott								
Mortensen, Geo. E.	1920	1920	0	0	0	0	0	So. Sioux City	Henry Runge		0	0	0	0			
Rangeler, R. E.	1919	1921	0	0	0	0	0	Lincoln (St. James)	Henry Marque	0							
								Walton-Eagle	Fred Anderson								
Raun, J. J.	1920	1928						Fremont									
Ries, L.	1907	1918	0	0				Falls City									
Rinde, T. D.	1924	1928	0	0	0	0	0	Verdon	B. D. Friedly								
								Stella	Esburn Wheeler			0					
Rubrecht, G. K., D. D. 2526 A St.	1905	1928	0	0	0	0	0	Lincoln (Grace)	H. F. Anderson	0	0	0	0	0			
Saas, W. H.	1925	1924		0	0	0	0	Dakota City (Salem)	B. M. Boals		0	0	0				
								(Immanuel)	G. L. Niebuhr	0	0	0	0	0			
Sawyer, J. L., 809 Grant St.	1927	1928	0	0	0	0	0	York	Fred Conant								
								McCool	Henry Breidenkamp								
Scherer, H. H.	1928	1928	0	0	0	0	0	Fremont									
Stager, C. L., 2051 No. 20th	1919	1924	0	0	0	0	0	Omaha	Chas. Puls								
Steinhoff, L. H.	1929	1929	0	0	0	0	0	Tekamah	M. D. Willert			0					
Vosseler, E. A.	1920	1923	0	0	0	0	0	Rising City	L. J. Saylor		0	0	0	0			
Weaver, G. B., D. D. 2813 No. 60th St.	1898	1916	0	0	0	0	0	Omaha	Albert Hedelund	0		0		0			
White, R. A., D. D.	1886	1886	0	0	0	0	0	Wolbach									
								Ericson									
Wiegmen, F. C.	1927	1927	0	0	0	0	0	Nebraska City	J. H. Petring		0	0	0	0			
Wood, E. G.	1929	1928	0	0	0			Fremont									
Young, A. W.	1926	1924						Stamford									
								Ponca									
								Leigh	Gustave Hahn	0	0	0	0				

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Fifty-seventh Annual Convention

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The Fifty-seventh Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska of the United Lutheran Church in America, held in the Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer, Omaha, Nebraska, opened on Tuesday afternoon May 21, at 2 o'clock. The Communion Sermon was preached by Rev. A. O. Frank of Auburn, Nebraska. The liturgical service and the Communion were conducted by the officers of Synod, assisted by Rev. A. O. Frank.

The business session began immediately following the Communion and the roll of pastors and lay delegates was called.

The Committee on Reference and Counsel made a report of the program of the business of Synod, and the same was adopted by Synod.

The President read his report for the past year, and it was referred to the Committee on the President's report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

May 21, 1929

To the Members of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, "The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all."

In the providence of God we are assembled in this the Fifty-seventh Annual Convention of our Synod. For the first time in the history of this Body our Convention is held in "The Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer" of Omaha. This Congregation has a splendid record of good works and excellent growth from the time of its beginning. The occasion of our meeting here is significant because of the fact that a son of this Congregation is an applicant for ordination at this Convention of Synod.

We meet here today in another convention to review the work of the past year and to confer and plan how we can best carry on the future activities of the work which the Great Head of the Church has given us to do. God has richly blessed the labors of our pastors and congregations.

I do herewith submit my third report as the President of the Synod.

In the providence of God, only one of our pastors' homes has been visited by death during the past year. On May 18, 1929 "Junior," the little son of Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Young, was called to his eternal reward. Upon receiving this information, I immediately wrote a letter to Rev. and Mrs. Young and extended sincerest sympathy.

Resignations.

Name, Place, and Date Effective.

Rev. A. B. Schwerdtfeger, Stella, May 31, 1928.

Rev. R. E. Rangeler, Emerson, June 1, 1928.

Rev. Walter A. Voss, Associate Pastor, Kountze Memorial, Omaha, June 15, 1928.

Rev. C. F. H. Krueger, Wayne, October 24, 1928.

Rev. Wm. C. Heidenreich, Leigh, November 30, 1928.

Rev. C. P. Karriker, Ponca, December 31, 1928.

Rev. Henry H. Scherer, Hildreth, March 31, 1929.

Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, D. D., Grace, Omaha, May 2, 1929.

Rev. A. B. Schwerdtfeger, Associate Pastor, Kountze Memorial, Omaha, May 8, 1929.

Dismissals.

Rev. Walter A. Voss, to Rocky Mountain Synod, June 15, 1928.

Rev. Paul C. White, to Illinois Synod, July 26, 1928.

Rev. C. F. H. Krueger, to Georgia Synod, October 25, 1928.

Rev. C. P. Karriker, to Kansas Synod, December 31, 1928.

Rev. F. W. Block, to Michigan Synod, March 1, 1929.

Rev. A. B. Schwerdtfeger, to Iowa Synod, May 9, 1929.

Accessions.

Rev. Harry W. Monesmith, from Kansas Synod, October 27, 1928.
Rev. L. H. Steinhoff, from Rocky Mountain Synod, May 25, 1929.

Calls Accepted.

Rev. A. B. Schwerdtfeger, to Associate Pastor of Kountze Memorial, Omaha, June 1, 1928.

Rev. R. E. Rangeler, to the Walton-Eagle parish; also to the St. James parish, Lincoln, June 1, 1928.

Rev. Harry W. Monesmith, to Emerson, October 27, 1928.
Rev. Wm. C. Heidenreich, to Wayne, December 1, 1928.
Rev. L. H. Steinhoff, to Tekamah, March 17, 1929.
Rev. Edgar A. Dorner, to Hildreth, June 1, 1929.
Rev. F. A. Kunz, to Leigh, June 2, 1929.
Rev. Carl L. Kauffman, to Ponca, July 1, 1929.

Installations.

Rev. C. F. H. Krueger, at Wayne, by the President of Synod, May 27, 1928.

Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, Littd. D., D. D., at Grace, Omaha. President Guss gave the charge to the Congregation and Dean Holmes Dysinger, D. D., LL. D., the charge to the pastor, June 3, 1928, at the morning service.

Rev. A. B. Schwerdtfeger, as Associate Pastor, at Kountze Memorial, Omaha. Rev. Walter A. Voss gave the charge to the pastor and President Guss addressed the Congregation. Pastor O. D. Baltzly, D. D., LL. D., assisted in the installation service.

Rev. R. E. Rangeler, at Walton-Eagle, by the President of Synod at the morning and afternoon services; at the St. James parish the Rev. G. Keller Rubrecht, D. D., preached the sermon to the Congregation and President Guss gave the charge to the pastor, June 9, 1928.

Rev. Henry H. Scherer, at Hildreth, by Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, D. D., June 17, 1928.

Rev. Harry W. Monesmith, at Emerson, by the President of Synod, October 8, 1928.

Rev. W. C. Heidenreich, at Wayne, by the Synodical President, December 2, 1928.

Rev. L. H. Steinhoff, at Tekamah. Rev. E. Klotsche, D. D., delivered the charge to the pastor and that to the Congregation was given by Dr. Luther M. Kuhns, who also had charge of the service of installation, May 19, 1929.

Vacancies.

Zion, Benedict, has been supplied by Student Rev. E. G. Wood.

Bethel, Benedict, has been without services since January 1, 1928.

Tekamah has been supplied by Student Rev. L. H. Steinhoff, who is now the regular pastor.

Leigh, since December 1, 1928, has been supplied with occasional services by Students and Professors from the Western Theological Seminary.

Homer and Hubbard have been supplied by Rev. G. E. Mortensen.

Potter has bi-monthly services conducted by Rev. W. T. Kahse, D. D.

Ponca, since January 1, 1929, has had an occasional service.

Stella has been regularly supplied by Rev. Thos. D. Rinde since June 1, 1928.

Demitted the Ministry.

On May 6, 1929, Rev. Alfonso A. Marohn signed a statement in which he demitted the Ministry and his name has been stricken from the membership roll of the Synod. This is in accord with Article VII, Section I.—(G) of Synod's Constitution. I have two signed copies of the above. The one has been given to the Secretary of the Synod and the other I have placed in the President's files.

Laying of Corner Stone.

Stamford—September 23, 1928, Trinity Lutheran Church laid the Corner Stone for the New Church building. The sermon on this occasion was preached by Dr. H. F. Martin, President of Midland College. The service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. A. W. Young.

Dedications.

December 23, 1928. Grace, Omaha, dedicated a New Pipe Organ. The instrument is a two-manuel, electro-pneumatic throughout, stop control by stop keys, and cost $3,600.00, all of which has been paid. This new organ was built by the Moller Organ Company, and is supplied with the newest equipment in pipe organ construction. The pipes are of the very best material and constructed by superior workmen. The quality of the pipes is rich, mellow, and blends harmoniously. All of the appointments of the organ are of the very best material and of the finest quality. This organ, though small, is one of the finest and best instruments in the State of Nebraska.

At the time of dedication an organ recital was given with a fine program. The dedicatory address was given by the pastor, Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, D. D., who also dedicated the organ to the service and Worship of God, according to the Liturgy of the Church.

On February 24, 1929 the New Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Stamford was dedicated. This beautiful new Church, erected by the members of Trinity Church, cost, in cash, about $11,280.00. With the donated materials and labor the building and contents are valued at $15,000.00. All but about $750.00 of the cost of the building is provided for. The building is of the Tudor Gothic style of architecture, and is 60 by 36 feet, and has a seating capacity of near two hundred fifty (250) in the main auditorium. The auditorium has nine (9) beautiful Art Glass Windows. A full basement, well lighted and ventilated, contains a large Sunday School Assembly room, a kitchen, lavatories, furnace room and store room. Elegant electric light fixtures are throughout the building. The Pulpit, the Altar,

the Chancel Furnishings and the interior of the Church are all in keeping with the best Lutheran Architecture.

Three services were held on the day of dedication. The morning and evening sermons were preached by Rev. H. F. Martin, D. D., President of Midland College. The service of dedication was in the afternoon, at which time the President of Synod, Rev. W. I. Guss, preached the sermon. The pastor, Rev. A. W. Young, conducted the dedication service. The offerings were in charge of the President of Synod, assisted by Dr. Martin. The attendance was very large at the morning and afternoon services. Rain and snow, in the afternoon, caused the attendance in the evenig to be small. The choir rendered appropriate music for the occasion. Post-Dedication services were conducted on Wednesday and Friday evening. On Wednesday a banquet was held in the Church, and on Friday night the Ladies Aid sponsored a social for the Congregation. Pastor A. W. Young, and his people, are to be congratulated on having erected this new church, so splendidly equipped.

Anniversaries.

Omaha—October 7, 1928, Rev. G. B. Weaver, D. D., pastor of Benson Lutheran Church, and Rev. W. F. Rangeler, D. D., Professor of Pastoral Theology in the Western Theological Seminary, celebrated the Thirtieth Anniversary of their ordination. The service was held in the First English Lutheran Church, of which Rev. G. B. Weaver is pastor. Dr. Rangeler preached the sermon on this occasion.

Omaha—December 4, 1928, the Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church celebrated the Seventieth Anniversary of the organization of the Congregation. The main address delivered on this occasion was by Dr. J. E. Hummon, of Chicago, a former pastor of the Church. Dr. W. F. Rangeler, of Western Theological Seminary, Dr. W. I. Guss, President of Synod, and Rev. A. B. Schwerdtfeger, Associate Pastor of the Church, made short addresses. A large representation of the congregation were present and sat down to a sumptuous banquet on this occasion. One regret of this Memorial event was the absence of the Senior Pastor, Dr. O. D. Baltzly, due to his serious illness at that time. This Congregation has grown to be the largest and one of the most influential Congregations of the United Lutheran Church. The splendid growth and development of this Congregation is due largely to the untiring efforts and enthusiastic devotion on the part of the Senior Pastor, Dr. Baltzly, and the efficient organization of helpers, with which he is surrounded, and which he has trained and skillfully directs.

Omaha—May 5, 1929, at the St. Luke's Lutheran Church there was held a special service in the observance of the Tenth Anniversary of the entrance into the Ministry of the Rev. Coy L. Stager, the Rev. Ralph E. Rangeler, and the Rev. O. W. Ebright. The chief address on this occasion was delivered by Dr. W. F. Rangeler of the Western Theological Seminary. Short messages were delivered by Dr. O. D. Baltzly, Dr. G. B. Weaver and

Rev. K. de Freese, and greetings were read from the President of Synod. Excellent music was rendered by the choir of St. Luke's Church.

Property Improvements, Etc.

Auburn—Put a full basement under the parsonage, installed a furnace, laid hard-wood floors, repapered some rooms, put in new cement walks, at a total cost of $1,000.00, not including much donated labor. The Church property lawn was beautified at a cost of $75.00, not including donated labor.

Beatrice—New linoleum in the Sunday School room, $26.00; concrete floor in basement of parsonage, $110.00; lighting fixtures installed in main auditorium, $95.00; Art Glass Window in Sunday School room, $60.00; and other repairs at a total cost of $297.00. New pavement in process of construction.

Benedict—Zion—Reshingled the Church at a cost of $200.00.

Fremont—Two beautiful seven light, electric brass candelabra, a Memorial gift to the Church. Two new hymn boards donated.

Hampton—New carpet for Church, redecorated pulpit and altar, cost $50.00.

Hildreth—Improvements on property, $75.00. Paid $850.00 on debt.

Hooper—Paid $200.00 on old debt to Church Extension Board. New cement steps to Church, $75.00. Redecorated walls of Church basement, $75.00. Electric wiring for Church and Parsonage, $60.00. Total $210.00.

Leigh—Parsonage rooms decorated at a cost of $116.00.

Nebraska City—Parsonage heating system remodeled, cost about $200.00. New paraments and communion linens for altar, cost $25.00. Book and envelope racks for pews, at a cost of $15.00.

Omaha—First Church, Benson. Painted exterior of Church Building, at a cost of $375.00.

Omaha—Grace, Elegant Oxford Pulpit Hand Bible and beautiful Pulpit Hymnal donated. Solid oak panel choir screen was put in place by Ladies Aid, costing $100.00. Oak panel wainscoting from altar around the choir to the oak console. Choir chairs at a cost of $120.00. Parsonage repaired, cost $365.00. One hundred (100) copies of new song books purchased for Sunday School. Young Ladies Missionary Society presented pedestal for flowers, and pulpit and altar vases have been donated. Appointments of altar, pulpit and choir are of the very best. The Church is free of debt.

Omaha—Redeemer Church. Church Parlors decorated at a cost of $200.00. New Choir Robes, $150.00. A new steam table was presented to the Church.

Oshkosh—Over $500.00 paid on Parsonage debt.

Paxton—New concrete walks, light fixtures in Church, landscaping of lawn, total cost of $335.00.

Sidney—New curbing, $180.00.

Gurley—Finishing of basement, $100.00.

Potter—Repairs on Parsonage, $100.00.

Wolbach—New piano for Church basement was purchased, cost $250.00.

York—New Chancel Carpet, $54.00; new Choir Chairs, $45.00; Concrete walks. Parsonage, interior, redecorated, at a total cost of $162.00. A piano donated, from the disbanded congregation at Jewell, Kansas. Church debt reduced $441.00.

McCool Junction—Church lawn improved by landscaping; Screens were provided for all windows, and other improvements, at a total cost of $125.00.

North Platte—Paid on Church debt, $1,000; new piano for Primary Department, $300; redecorating Church basement, $125.

Emerson—Renovating and painting of parsonage, $500.00.

Information.

On Page 39 of the 1928 Minutes of this body, by resolution, your President was authorized to attend the Board of Education meeting in company with the President of Midland College and representatives of the Kansas and Rocky Mountain Synods.

On the 24th day of June, President H. F. Martin, President of the Kansas Synod, Dr. McCullough, and your President, attended a meeting of the Executive Commiteee of the Board of Education held at New York City. We did this as we were informed that this Committee was the place where all financial recommendations were planned.

We presented our plea for Midland College, in accord with resolutions of this body, and received a very sympathetic hearing from the Executive Committee.

The outcome of our visit was the Board of Education promised to give Midland College, for 1929, $10,000.00, and in addition to this $6,000.00 of accrued interest due the College.

As to the bringing of this matter before the United Luptheran Church Convention, at Erie, we did not do as we learned that no special appeals or recommendations could get anywhere before that body, that did not first have the approval of Executive Committee of the United Lutheran Church.

As voted by this body, the pro-rata expenses of the President of the College, incurred in attending this Board meeting, has been paid.

The following telegram was sent by your President:

"Friday, September 21, 1928.

Rev. F. C. Schuldt, 910 West 5th Street, Hastings, Nebraska. Greetings to the German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska.

Read—Galations, Chapter I, Verses 3 to 5.

My hope and prayer is that the time may soon come when there will be ONE EVANGELICAL Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, of the United Lutheran Church in America.

If your body is of the same mind, I will welcome a committee from your synod to meet with a similar committee from our synod, in order to confer, pray and plan for the accomplishment of this end.

Merging of Synods is being consummated in the Eastern States. Why not in Nebraska? Very fraternally,

W. I. GUSS, President of the
Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebr."

The following information was received through the President's recent questionnaire:

Of the 52 Churches, 12 did not reply. 22 report having 10 per cent increase in Communing Members. 18 paid 100 per cent on Apportionment. 20 sent Benevolence to Synodical Treasurer monthly. 35 paid pastor's salary monthly. 15 received an offering for National Lutheran Council. 34 announced Meeting of Synod. 36 preached on Tithing or Stewardship. 26 used Duplex Envelopes. 15 read Recommendations and Resolutions to Congregation. 36 pastors read the Minutes of Synod. 30 favor publishing the "Nebraska Lutheran."

Your President assisted at two funerals, baptized ten children and five adults, attended several Church Council and Congregational Meetings, preached from one to five times almost every Sunday, held many conferences, was present at several conventions, delivered several banquet and other addresses, sent out near 2,000 pieces of mail and traveled over 32,000 miles in executing the duties of the office.

As President, I want again to thank the Members of Synod for their splendid co-operation and good will during the past year.

Recommendations.

1. That in harmony with the United Lutheran Church, this Synod again requests every Congregation to do its utmost to attain the following goals for this Synodical Year:

First. "Ten per cent increase in communing members."

Second. "One hundred per cent to be the minimum paid on apportionment for benevolence."

2. That benevolent offerings shall never be used even temporarily by Congregations to meet local expenses.

3. That the official Church paper, "The Lutheran," be heartily commended to our people, with the recommendation that pastors and councils seek to have a copy placed in every home in the Congregation.

4. That the "Calendar of Special Days and Seasons" be printed in the Synodical Calendar of our Minutes, after the program for next convention.

5. That honorary titles be omitted in the printed Minutes of Synod, except in the "Synodical Calendar" and the Roster of Synod.

6. That by a standing vote and by prayer, this body acknowledges the goodness of God and His providential guidance through the past year, in that He has so abundantly blessed the labors of our pastors and Congregations.

Respectfully submitted,

W. I. GUSS, President.

Rev. H. W. Monesmith and Rev. L. H. Steinhoff, Mr. G. L. Rinkliff, the Field Secretary for the Laymen's Movement for Stewardship, and Mr. F. A. Dorner and his son, Rev. E. Dorner, were introduced to the Synod.

Mrs. K. de Freese spoke to the Synod as the official representative of the Women's Missionary Society, and the President gave appropriate response.

Dr. J. H. Miller read the report of the Treasurer of Synod. Adopted. The auditor's report was also read and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Cash last report		$ 2,125.04
On Apportionment:		
United Lutheran Church	$21,143.86	
Midland College	7,036.10	
Seminary Contingent Fund	284.28	
Synod Treasury	4,477.52	
Ministerial Education	888.40	
Nebraska Synod Lutheran	604.12	
Tabitha Home	568.58	
Synod Missionary Committee	533.04	35,535.90
Tabitha Home, specials		281.24
Ministerial Pensions		22,419.90
Foreign Missions, specials:		
General Fund	$171.22	
Andhra College	10.00	
China Missions	165.00	
Proteges	975.00	1,321.22
Miscellaneous:		
American Missions	$125.11	
Church Extension	62.67	
Girls Dormitory, Midland	30.00	
Pacific Seminary	10.00	
Andhra College	40.00	
World Service	329.64	
West India Relief	129.90	727.32
		$62,410.62

Disbursements.

Treasurer United Lutheran Church		$21,377.10
Tabitha Home		856.09
Nebraska Synod Lutheran		521.56
Midland College		7,401.14
Missionary Committee		538.92
Foreign Missions, specials		1,321.22
Ministerial Pensions		22,419.90
Miscellaneous		727.32
Ministerial Education:		
Herbert Dichson	$100.00	
Louis C. Weitzenkamp	150.00	
Hugh Dowler	175.00	
Harry Coder	200.00	
Werner Jessen	200.00	
Therwald Hildebrandt	100.00	
W. W. Alexander	75.00	
Geo. P. Krebs	50.00	
Leo R. Nielsen	100.00	
George Eller	85.00	
Ernest Haugse	100.00	1,335.00
Synod Treasury:		
W. I. Guss	$3,382.71	
Franklin Printing House	33.39	
Salem Lutheran Church	390.00	
F. C. Wiegman	12.47	
J. C. Hershey	49.15	
L. M. Kuhns	18.80	
United Luth. Pub. House	50.00	
C. E. Mortensen	54.53	
O. D. Baltzly	33.50	
O. W. Ebright	33.49	
H. F. Martin	62.46	
Jos. H. Miller	69.20	
H. T. Corbet	34.55	
J. F. Bastar	10.00	
W. T. Kahse	15.41	
Paul White	41.60	
R. A. Sudman	33.17	
E. T. Tramp	34.48	
W. A. Klink	2.64	
W. G. Springer	290.80	4,652.35
Cash on hand		1,260.02
		$62,410.62

Cash on hand as follows:		
Synod Treasury	$389.58	
Ministerial Education	658.46	
Nebraska Synod Lutheran	211.98	
Received on Apportionment		$35,535.90
Received for Externals		24,749.68
Total received		60,285.58
Percentage received on Apportionment		68.98%
Number of churches listed in the Synod		53
Number that just reached the full apportionment		14
Number that went over the 100% slightly		6
Number under the 100%		33

Included in the last number 5 churches paid nothing and two should be stricken from the list.

The loan of $500.00, without interest, which the Executive Committee made to Saint James Church of Lincoln on March 3, 1925, will be due March 3, 1930.

The note given to Salem Church, Fremont, Nebraska, in the sum of $3,000.00 has been reduced to $1,200.00, $300.00 having been paid the past year. Interest has been kept up.

The 1929 budget was based on the necessities of the various departments, and if it is not met there will be a shortage causing much embarrasment in all departments, therefore the Synod as a whole should reach the 100% for the year 1929. If we love the Lord our God much, we will give much of our time, our talents and our substance.

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. H. MILLER.

	Appor't	Paid on Appor't	Pct.	Paid on Specials	Totals
Allen	$ 781	$ 243.00	31.1%	$ 310.00	$ 553.00
Auburn	951	951.00	100 %	690.08	1,641.08
Beatrice	662	388.00	58.4%	458.62	846.62
Benedict, Bethel	145	.....	.....	.....	.....
Benedict, Zion	523	347.00	66.3%	.....	347.00
Dakota, Em	88	38.00	43.1%	50.00	88.00
Dakota, Salem	378	385.00	101.8%	80.55	465.55
Davenport	699	699.00	100 %	569.40	1,268.40
Eagle	82	.....	.....	.....	.....
Emerson	1,140	1,140.00	100 %	521.00	1,661.00
Ericson	132	30.00	22 %	68.00	98.00
Falls City	630	186.00	29.5%	175.50	361.50
Fremont	1,103	1,103.00	100 %	804.50	1,907.50
Grand Island	2,772	1,738.00	63.4%	1,386.00	3,124.00
Gurley	554	430.00	77.6%	302.00	732.00

Hampton	416	382.00	91.8%	305.67	687.67
Hardy	410	410.00	100 %	34.00	444.00
Hildreth	441	307.00	69.4%	255.94	562.94
Homer	239	.....	.....	41.00	41.00
Hooper	806	489.88	60.7%	124.50	614.38
Hubbard	95	27.00	28.3%	39.00	66.00
Leigh	806	245.00	30.3%	613.02	858.02
Lewellen	247	248.00	100 %	130.00	378.00
Lincoln, Grace	2,117	1,334.00	63.1%	1,200.00	2,534.00
Lincoln, St. James	189	189.00	100 %	159.00	348.00
McCool Jct.	315	217.00	88.8%	317.00	534.00
Nebraska City	554	340.00	61.3%	243.86	583.86
North Platte	2,243	2,243.00	100 %	2,022.22	4.265.22
Omaha, First	970	450.00	46.5%	482.95	932.95
Omaha, Grace	1,260	622.00	51.1%	126.32	748.32
Omaha, K. M.	14,297	9,290.00	64.9%	6,732.00	16,022.00
Omaha, Redeemer	1,147	1,150.33	100.1%	531.50	1,681.83
Omaha, St. Luke	1,707	1,716.00	100.5%	777.90	2,493.90
Omaha, St. Mark	1,544	1,544.00	100 %	950.00	2,494.00
Oshkosh	189	190.00	100 %	.....	190.00
Paxton	334	201.00	60.1%	217.00	418.00
Ponca	819	.....	.....	121.00	121.00
Potter	158	158.00	100 %	193.00	351.00
Rising City	914	914.00	100 %	1,435.97	2,349.97
Sidney	504	273.00	54.1%	258.00	531.00
S. Sioux	441	463.00	104.9%	138.75	601.75
Stamford Em.	107	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stamford, Trinity	504	265.00	52.5%	195.00	460.00
Stella	170	32.80	19.2%	80.00	112.80
Sutherland	101	101.00	100 %	66.00	167.00
Tekamah	296	321.00	108.4%	380.75	701.75
Verdon	882	458.00	57.9%	518.00	976.00
Walton	561	120.72	21.5%	14.18	134.90
Wayne	1,537	303.00	19.7%	97.00	400.00
West Point	2,426	2,000.00	82.4%	.....	2,000.00
Wilber	271	322.00	118.8%	40.00	362.00
Wolbach	580	235.00	40.5%	386.00	621.00
York	252	252.00	100 %	229.50	481.50
Mabel Brazda	.....	.....	.....	30.00	30.00
Synod in Session	.....	17.17	.....	10.00	27.17
Totals	$51,489	$35,508.90		$24,776.68	$60,285.58

REPORT OF AUDITORS.

To the Members of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska:

We have examined the books, vouchers and bank statements of the Treasurer of the Nebraska Synod for the year of 1928, having checked all receipts and disbursements and bank statements and find the following:

Cash at beginning of year	$ 2,125.04	
Cash received during the year	60,285.58	
	62,410.62	
Disbursements during the year	48,838.61	
Bank Balance as of January 24th, 1929		13,572.01
Book Balance	1,260.02	
Outstanding Checks	12,311.99	
		13,572.01

Auditors:

G. E. HICKMAN, Chairman
E. M. STAHL
J. W. KRUSE

The Statistician's Report was read and considered sereatim. Item one was adopted. Item 2 adopted. Item 3 adopted. Item 4 was referred to the Committee on the Constitution. Item 5 adopted. Report as a whole adopted.

REPORT OF THE STATISTICAL SECRETARY

In submitting the statistics of the congregations composing the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska for the year 1928 we wish to briefly call your attention to the following facts:

1. The work of the year has been done as required by synod. Report blanks for statistics as well as for state of the Church were sent out one month after the close of the calendar year.

2. Out of 52 blanks sent out, 51 were returned, 19 arrived late, 4 pastors reported uneven dollars, 20 reports were correct, 23 incorrect, and 7 incomplete. The fiscal year of 11 congregations do not correspond to the calendar year. After tabulating the totals from each congregation upon

the assembly sheet provided by the U. L. C. and proving the same, we have the following report to submit.

Increases:

Baptized members 395, confirmed 377, communing 184, in Church Schools 340, week-day schools 3, scholars 35, students for the ministry 4, women's societies 3, members 25, Young People's societies 9, members 384, valuation in Church property including church edifices, parsonages and other property 36,435, current expenses $22,644, total benevolence including unapportioned $20,245 and total expenditures for all purposes $22,870.

Decreases:

Baptized children 63, official church papers 285, other church papers 2,310 and cathumens 155.

Church Papers.

This item in our table of statistics requires special attention. A large decrease in the official church paper indicates failure to report them. There seems to be a misunderstanding as to what papers should be reported under "Other church papers." All church papers but your local parish paper and those which do not come under Official and Church School papers should be reported in this column, such as Nebraska Synod Lutheran, Woman's Work, Luther League Review, etc.

Unapportioned Benevolence.

Pastors should be more accurate in reporting their unapportioned benevolence. One pastor simply wrote across this part of his report and said, "I did not go to all the trouble to divide this among the various causes." The church would like to know how much is being contributed to each of these causes of the church.

Recommendations.

1. That we request the congregations who have not changed their fiscal year to take steps to conform to the calendar year.

3. That we reaffirm former recommendations as to accuracy in reports and especially the rendering of reports by pastors resigning from their parishes.

3. That Synod have its parochial report plated and mounted and send it to Mr. Grant Hultberg, to be used in the printing of a statistical Year Book of the U. L. C. and that synod pay the cost of same.

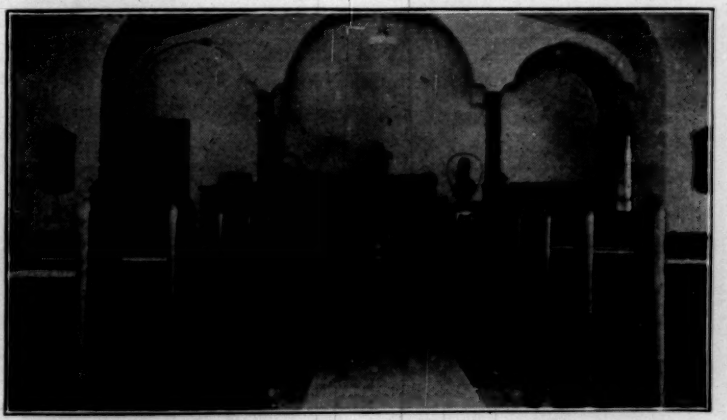
4. That section 2, item 2 of the By-laws of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska pertaining to the time of sending out the parochial blanks and the time when the statistical office shall be closed be amended to read: "He shall send out the blanks fifteen days before the close of the

calendar year. His report shall be closed the last day of January and shall be posted on the opening day of Synod."

5. That we express our gratitude to God for the fruits from our labors that He in His great goodness and mercy is permitting us to enjoy.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. HERSHEY.



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
A. W. YOUNG, Pastor
STAMFORD, NEBRASKA

| Index Number | Parish | Congregation | When organized | Pastor | PAROCHIAL | | |

Index Number	PAROCHIAL						FINANCIAL																								
	Church Societies						Valuation of Church Property							Congregational Exp.			Congregational Benevolences												Summary		
	Men's		Women's		Young People												Apportioned			Unapportioned										
	Number	Members	Number	Members	Number	Members	Church Edifices	Parsonages	School and Parish Houses	Endowment	Other Property	Total Valuation	Indebtedness	Current	Unusual	Total	Paid	Excess	Deficit	Education	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Inner Missions	Other Benevolences	Total Unapportioned	Total Benevolence	Total Expenditures
1	1	16	2	34	1	10	16000	4000	.....	.....	.....	20000	14000	1915	355	2270	306	...	475	23	30	89	362	101	605	911	3181
2	1	20	2	40	1	15	12000	4000	.....	.....	.....	16000	1000	4295	500	4795	951	...	.....	110	145	10	675	20	960	1911	6706
3	..	...	3	70	2	28	20000	7000	.....	.....	.....	27000	.....	2254	768	3022	435	...	190	.....	.....	.....	.....	476	476	911	3933
4	..	...	1	12	..	.....	1000	.....	.....	.....	.....	1000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
5	..	...	2	42	1	20	10000	5500	.....	.....	.....	15500	700	1638	.....	1638	396	...	125	.....	.....	.....	25	14	39	435	2073
6	..	...	2	35	..	.....	6500	.....	.....	.....	785	7285	.....	437	.....	437	38	...	50	11	8	8	46	18	91	129	566
7	..	...	1	12	1	13	10000	.....	.....	.....	1170	11170	266	2327	88	2415	385	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	115	58	173	558	2973
8	..	...	2	73	..	.....	26000	7500	.....	.....	.....	33500	.....	2747	529	3276	699	...	.....	200	92	30	688	180	1170	1809	5145
9	..	...	2	91	3	144	25000	5000	.....	.....	.....	30000	.....	3579	469	4047	1140	...	.....	159	375	152	176	675	1507	2647	6694
10	..	...	1	40	2	56	4000	4000	.....	.....	.....	8000	.....	2333	.....	2333	186	...	439	.....	78	16	205	126	425	611	2944
11	1	25	4	158	3	87	100000	7000	.....	.....	1200	108200	45975	8263	3814	12077	1103	...	.....	40	6	....	67	1353	1466	2539	14646
12	..	...	3	108	2	94	32000	3000	.....	.....	1750	36750	.....	6054	.....	6054	1738	...	1034	45	.....	.....	1508	110	1663	3401	9455
13	..	...	1	30	..	.....	3000	5000	.....	.....	1000	9000	.....	1814	.....	1814	382	...	34	.....	.....	5	300	....	305	687	2501
14	..	...	3	62	1	15	20000	6000	.....	.....	.....	26000	.....	1835	8	1843	410	...	.....	42	.....	.....	133	87	262	672	2515
15	..	...	1	18	1	19	9000	4000	.....	.....	.....	13000	3850	1946	1795	3741	307	...	134	135	.....	43	59	18	255	562	4303
16	1	12	2	81	1	16	25000	7500	.....	.....	.....	32500	600	3257	42	3299	553	...	253	25	208	200	28	5	466	1019	4318
17	..	...	1	21	1	90	15000	7000	.....	.....	.....	22000	2200	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
18	1	40	3	109	5	159	20000	5000	.....	60	9355	34415	4000	7168	.....	7168	1216	...	901	56	102	155	845	5	1223	2439	9607
19	..	...	1	12	2	33	6000	2000	.....	.....	.....	8000	8000	743	14	757	189	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	139	46	185	374	1131
20	..	...	1	30	1	25	6000	2000	.....	.....	.....	8000	400	1250	.....	1250	120	...	441	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	120	1370
21	..	...	1	12	..	.....	3000	.....	.....	.....	.....	3000	.....	225	.....	225	.....	...	80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	225
22	..	...	2	56	2	18	9000	5000	.....	.....	.....	14000	.....	2333	2232	4565	340	...	214	.....	27	....	15	199	241	581	5146
23	1	50	4	210	3	87	100000	10000	.....	.....	900	110900	18500	8991	1140	10131	2243	...	.....	1160	205	50	2102	474	3991	6234	16365
24	..	...	2	38	1	18	15000	.....	.....	.....	.....	15000	1200	3377	396	3773	400	...	506	18	.....	.....	572	112	702	1102	4875
25	..	...	2	52	1	20	26000	.....	1800	.....	4600	32400	.....	5240	4448	9688	530	...	730	.....	.....	.....	178	....	178	708	10396
26	1	30	2	211	5	329	425000	.....	15000	2200	107000	549200	4000	29269	.....	29269	10480	...	3745	276	6309	150	5810	60	7605	18085	47354
27	1	39	2	56	3	68	20000	.....	.....	.....	.....	20000	2500	3948	193	4141	1177	27	.....	77	250	50	540	289	1206	2383	6524
28	..	...	3	53	3	77	10000	.....	.....	.....	23000	33000	12900	6083	.....	6083	1716	9	.....	50	393	31	1161	272	1907	3623	9706

PAROCHIAL

Index Number	Parish	Congregation	When organized	Pastor	Congregations	Membership: Baptized	Confirmed	Communing	Accessions: Children: Baptism	Children: Otherwise	Adult: Baptism	Adult: Confirmation	Adult: Certificate	Adult: Otherwise	Losses: Children: Death	Children: Otherwise	Adult: Death	Adult: Certificate	Adult: Otherwise	Ch. Papers: No. Sub. to Official Papers	No. S. S. Papers Distributed	Church Papers No. Sub. to Other	Church Schools: Sunday: Number	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Home Dep't	Cradle Roll	Weekday: Number	Teachers	Scholars	Catechumens	Students: Ministry	Deaconess	In Latheran	In Non-Latheran
29	Omaha	St. Mark's	1886	Stager, C. L.	1	355	273	180	12	...	3	11	...	3	..	...	3	6	8	8	50	....	1	22	145	...	25	1	4	55	16	..	..	..	3
30	Oskosh	St. Mark's	1906	Harder, M. J.	1	67	45	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	5	40	....	1	10	54	...	...	..	..	..	...	..	..	1	4
31	Lewellen	Grace	1906	Harder, M. J.	1	114	66	40	7	...	...	1	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	1	36	....	1	5	50	...	...	..	..	..	...	..	..	1	1
32	Paxton	Trinity	1902	Kemper, C. H.	1	203	129	98	14	...	2	4	...	2	..	...	1	...	...	3	35	....	1	7	82	...	18	..	..	..	12	..	..	2	2
33	Sutherland	Grace	1905	Kemper, C. H.	1	55	42	31	...	...	3	5	...	16	..	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	1	6	35	...	...	..	..	..	...	1	..	..	..
34	Ponca	Salem	1856	Vacant	1	306	243	145	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	13	30	30	1	13	129	10	27	..	..	..	...	..	..	..	..
35	Rising City	First	1883	Vosseler, E. A.	1	303	180	145	10	10	1	...	3	10	..	...	1	...	...	20	85	2	1	13	180	...	40	..	..	..	15	..	..	2	3
36	Sidney	Trinity	1886	Kahse, W. T.	1	187	93	87	7	16	...	2	13	...	2	5	3	3	...	6	35	5	1	7	88	6	10	..	..	..	...	..	..	1	..
37	Gurley	Grace	1916	Kahse, W. T.	1	183	99	85	9	8	1	6	7	...	..	11	..	5	...	5	42	2	1	12	110	10	20	..	..	..	...	..	..	..	3
38	Potter	First	1892	Kahse, W. T. (Sply)	1	61	40	25	1	4	1	...	3	...	..	...	...	...	...	1	8	3	1	3	30	...	...	..	..	..	...	..	..	..	1
39	South Sioux City	First	1920	Mortensen, G. E.	1	251	143	114	25	14	10	17	13	5	..	9	1	...	17	8	50	....	1	18	160	...	29	..	..	..	19	..	..	..	4
40	Homer	St. Paul's	1886	Mortensen, G. E. (Sply.)	1	95	93	45	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	1	5	44	...	...	..	..	..	...	..	..	..	...
41	Hubbard	Trinity	.....	Mortensen, G. E. (Sply.)	1	37	37	37	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	...	..	..	..	...
42	Stamford	Trinity	1888	Young A. W.	1	160	114	98	1	...	...	10	...	2	..	...	1	...	...	5	24	....	1	9	120	...	12	1	8	40	...	..	..	2	2
43	Tekamah	Immanuel	1877	Steinhoff, L. H. (Sply.)	1	108	60	53	5	2	...	...	2	2	1	...	1	1	...	12	55	22	1	13	82	...	20	1	3	20	9	1	..	1	1
44	Verdon	St. Mark's	1883	Rinde, T. D.	1	233	154	123	6	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	50	....	1	21	147	1	18	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	...
45	Stella	Trinity	1884	Rinde, T. D.	1	42	32	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	15	....	1	6	30	...	...	..	..	..	...	..	..	..	...
46	Wolbach	Trinity	1903	White, R. A.	1	240	140	88	7	...	1	8	...	...	..	3	1	1	4	1	60	....	1	10	98	...	12	1	3	47	...	..	..	1	1
47	Ericson	First	1898	White, R. A.	1	35	29	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	1	...	...	2	12	....	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	...	..	..	..	...
48	Wayne	St. Paul's	1881	Heidenreich, W. C.	1	436	288	225	8	4	1	9	8	28	..	...	5	...	...	14	35	16	1	14	99	...	...	..	1	1	25	35	..	..	1	4
49	Wilber	First	1889	Cordts, H. C.	1	177	62	52	2	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	8	50	....	1	18	135	...	...	..	..	..	12	..	..	1	8
50	West Point	Grace	1874	Klink, W. A.	1	507	282	282	31	...	...	16	3	...	3	...	6	...	127	...	...	....	1	25	262	...	75	..	..	..	19	..	..	3	6
51	York	First	1903	Sawyer, J. L.	1	114	82	52	7	...	...	3	4	6	..	...	...	...	...	12	54	5	1	12	100	...	14	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	...
52	McCool Junction	First	1897	Saywer, J. L.	1	148	94	58	3	...	...	7	1	3	..	...	...	1	...	7	36	....	1	9	78	...	12	..	..	..	12	..	..	1	1
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Index Number	PAROCHIAL: Church Societies: Men's: Number	Men's: Members	Women's: Number	Women's: Members	Young People: Number	Young People: Members	FINANCIAL: Valuation of Church Property: Church Edifices	Parsonages	School and Parish Houses	Endowment	Other Property	Total Valuation	Indebtedness	Congregational Exp.: Current	Unusual	Total	Congregational Benevolences: Apportioned: Paid	Excess	Deficit	Unapportioned: Education	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Inner Missions	Other Benevolences	Total Unapportioned	Summary: Total Benevolence	Total Expenditures
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SYNODICAL ELECTIONS

Officers of Synod.

Secretary, Rev. F. C. Wiegman.
Treasurer, Dr. Jos. H. Miller.
Statistician, Rev. T. D. Rinde.
Historian, Dr. R. A. White.

New Members on Executive Committee.

Secretary, Rev. F. C. Wiegman.
Rev. J. L. Sawyer, 1932.

New Members on Board of Midland Trustees.

Rev. G. B. Weaver, 1932.
Dr. Jos. H. Miller, 1932.

Trustees for Tabitha Home.

Rev. R. E. Rangeler.
Mr. J. H. Humpe.

The report of the Historian was read by Dr. R. A. White. Adopted.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT

Your Historian reports as follows:

1. The clerical roll and card index have been completed to date. Since the last report there were three accessions to the membership of the synod; one by licensure at the last session, and one by letter. During the last year four were dismissed to other synods. The entire number who have been received into the synod since its organization in 1871 is 361.

2. The most important contribution to the archives of the Historian was the thesis on Religious Education in the United Lutheran Church in Nebraska by Rev. Paul C. White. This document was bound into a volume at a cost of $1.37. This amount with some postage makes a bill of $1.50 advanced by the Historian, which he hereby presents to the Synod for payment.

Respectfully submitted,
R. A. WHITE, Historian.

Adjournment with prayer by Dr. J. A. Lowe.

TUESDAY EVENING

The President preached the synodical sermon from the texts Deut. 6:7 and Matt. 28:20. An address was also given by Mr. G. L. Rinkliff, the Field

Secretary of the Laymen's Movement for Stewardship. The liturgical service was conducted by Rev. K. de Freese, the pastor loci, assisted by Rev. A. O. Frank.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

The Chaplain of Synod, Rev. R. E. Rangeler, led the Synod in its devotions at 8:45 a. m.

The business session was opened with prayer by Rev. W. A. Klink.

The Roll was called.

The Minutes were read and approved as corrected.

The President was given permission to insert certain additions in his report.

Mr. J. H. Petring presented a wooden gavel to Synod in behalf of the First Lutheran Church of Nebraska City, and the President responded with a speech of acceptance.

The report of the Committee of Adjudication was read by Dr. O. D. Baltzly. Adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ADJUDICATION

Your committee is pleased to report that all relationship within and without the Synod have been so pleasant that no matter has been referred to the committee for consideration or adjustment.

Respecfully submitted,
OLIVER D. BALTZLY, Chairman.

The President appointed the following Committees:

President's Report.

G. K. Rubrecht, K. de Freese, W. C. Heidenreach, O. E. Schellberg, R. W. Livers.

Conference Minutes and Reports.

H. C. Cordts, J. L. Sawyer, J. H. Thompson, G. E. Mortensen, L. H. Steinhoff.

Leave of Absence.

F. C. Wiegman, Albert Hedelund, H. Dumler.

Letters and Papers.

M. J. Harder, H. F. Anderson, W. H. Saas, G. L. Niebuhr.

Resolutions.

T. D. Rinde, H. W. Monesmith, B. M. Boals, E. A. Vosseler, J. F. Smith.

Apportionment.

J. C. Miller, J. C. Hershey, J. H. Miller, F. Clark, C. L. Stager.

New Congregations.

O. W. Ebright, J. A. Sinclair, W. A. Klink, R. E. Rangeler.

Speakers and Chaplain.

W. T. Kahse, A. T. Yost, G. B. Weaver, Henry Runge, E. G. Wood.

Audit Committee on Missions Committee Treasurer.

L. Ries, L. H. Steinhoff.

The President appointed Rev. F. C. Wiegman assistant recording secretary.

Moved and carried that the report of the Constitution Committee be laid over for action at the next meeting of Synod. The Constitution Committee began the reading of the New Constitution and was interrupted by the order of the day.

The report of the Committee on Missions was read by Dr. R. W. Livers, and the recommendation was referred to the Executive Committee of Synod. The regular session was adjourned with prayer by Dr. G. N. Mendenhall.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive Session of Synod was opened with prayer by Dr. R. A. White. The Report of the Examining Committee was given by Dr. G. B. Weaver. Adopted.

The session was adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. L. Sawyer.

REPORT OF EXAMINING COMMITTEE

Your Examining Committee has conducted a second-year examination of licentiate, Edmund G. Wood, and first-year examination of Arthur Pinkall and Hugh Dowler.

We recommend that Mr. Edmund G. Wood be ordained.

We recommend that immediately after his ordination the Secretary of Synod be instructed to notify Rev. Paul W. Koller, D. D., Executive Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, of the action of Synod.

We recommend that Arthur Pinkall and Hugh Dowler be licensed for one year.

We recommend that the Delegates from the Nebraska Synod to the next Convention of the United Lutheran Church in America be requested to present this memorial to the proper authorities of that body:

That we request the United Lutheran Church in America to prepare a list of subjects in which all candidates for the Lutheran ministry shall pass a satisfactory examination before the Synod Examining Committee to which they apply for ordination.

We recommend that the Examining Committee of the Nebraska Synod be empowered to confer with the Examining Committees of the Kansas Synod, Rocky Mountain Synod and the Iowa Synod with reference to a uniform examination of candidates for licensure and ordination.

Respectfully submitted,

G. B. WEAVER
W. J. KASHE
LUTHER M. KUHNS
GEO. E. MORTENSEN
C. B. HARMON
GEO. N. MENDENHALL
H. F. MARTIN

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The President called the meeting to order and prayer was offered by Rev. W. H. Saas. The Roll was called. The Minutes were read, corrected and approved.

Moved and carried that Synod take up the question of Home Missions again. Moved and carried that the recommendation of the report of the Missions Committee, which was referred to the Executive Committee, be incorporated into the regular report. Report adopted as a whole.

Your committee has held four meetings. The officers are:
President—Rev. R. W. Livers, D. D.
Secretary and Missionary Superintendent—Rev. W. I. Guss.
Treasurer—Mr. Albert Hedlund.
The committee had supervision over the following missions:

Sidney, Trinity—Organized 1886. This Congregation and

Gurley, Grace—Organized 1916, form a parish. Rev. W. T. Kahse, D. D., is the pastor. These Congregations voted to become self-supporting after December 31, 1928. About seven years ago Dr. Kahse, then Missionary Superintendent, was sent to this field by the Mission Committee. He found an almost hopeless situation. The members were very much discouraged and some were ready to quit. Short pastorates, long vacancies, proselyting on the part of other churches, financial troubles, few accessions and heavy losses are some of the things that make up the unfortunate history of

this parish. Dr. Kahse later became the pastor. Each year of his ministry has been fruitful and there has been a substantial growth. The membership of the Sidney Church has more than tripled and that at Gurley has quadrupled. The Sidney Congregation has built a modern parsonage. Both churches have made improvements on the properties. A fine spirit prevails in the Congregations and the outlook is very encouraging. Dr. Kahse is an untiring worker and a real Missionary pastor. Dr. Kahse has also been supplying our Church at Potter, where a similar growth has accompanied his labors.

South Sioux City, First—Rev. George E. Mortensen is the pastor. He reports an increase of forty (40) Communing Members, seventeen (17) Confirmed and forty-four (44) baptized for the year. The apportioned benevolence was paid with a small excess. Total contributions were $2,631.00. The attendance at all Church Services increased 20 per cent over 1927, and the Church School increased 19 per cent. There was a small reduction on the aid received from the Board. Two thousand four hundred fifty-one dollars ($2,451.00) cash is on hand for the mortgaged indebtedness. The future of this mission is very encouraging because an efficient pastor has been on the job.

Rev. Mortensen continues to supply the Churches at Homer and Hubbard.

Lincoln, St. James—Organized in 1924. Rev. R. E. Rangeler took charge of this mission in June, 1928. He also serves, as pastor, the Walton-Eagle parish. This arrangement is working out very satisfactorily. The apportionment has been paid in full, current expenses are paid, and the finances are in a healthy condition. The membership has grown, Pastor Rangeler has gained the confidence of the community and the future looks good. After the days of unfortunate experience that this mission has had, we are most happy to report that the ecclesiastical barometer has cleared up and we are hearing encouraging things from St. James.

York, First United—Organized 1927. Rev. J. L. Sawyer is the pastor. The past year has been the best yet. Four hundred forty-one dollars ($441.00) has been paid on debt, and the financial condition is very encouraging. There has been a 13 per cent gain in the Communing Membership and the apportioned benevolence was paid in full. The Church School continues to grow. The pastor writes, "There has never been, during my pastorate, such splendid manifestation of spiritual growth and increasing consciousness of Christian responsibility." This is due to the teaching and consecrated life of service on the part of Pastor Sawyer.

The Church received a piano from the disbanded Jewell Church of the Hardy parish. The Chancel of the Church has been beautified by gifts from various organizations.

Rev. Sawyer continues to serve the parish at McCool Junction.

New Work. Services are being held every other Sunday at **Spencer,** where a temporary organization has been effected. The Missionary Super-

intendent has supplied this place with preaching and has been instructing a Catechetical Class of adults, also has done considerable personal evangelism. To put a supply pastor into this field for the Summer months is planned. A fine company of people are interested in the development of this work.

At **Dalton** your Superintendent has also been conducting services every other Sunday. An adult class has been under instruction and much personal evangelism has been done. A splendid group of folks are interested in this work. We are hopeful for a good organization in this town. Much credit must be given to Dr. W. T. Kahse for the development of this field. He has co-operated in every way possible.

Your committee has several places in mind where work ought to be started. Some of these have been visited during the year by our Missionary Superintendent.

Some of our pastors have become interested in adjoining towns and are holding services. Rev. H. Dumler is developing a work at Marquette and Rev. H. Scherer has been preaching at Wilcox.

Recommendation.

That $1,651.00 of the Synodical Apportionment for Benevolence be given the Mission Committee.

Attached hereto is the Auditor's Report of the Mission Committee's Records.

Respectfully submitted,
W. I. GUSS, Secretary.

The Report of the Mission Committee was amended by Synod by adopting the following Resolutions:

"Resolved, That the Synod of Nebraska instruct the Missionary Committee of Synod to secure a Field Missionary for work in this Synod. Provided, That the Board of American Missions shall agree to provide one-half or more of the salary of the Field Missionary.

Be it further Resolved, That this Missionary shall be merged and assigned work within the year 1929, if possible."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE AUDITING BOOKS OF THE MISSION COMMITTEE

We have examined the minutes, treasurers' books, vouchers, and bank statements, of the Mission Committee of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, and find them correct.

Balance on Hand		
In Interest-bearing Account		$700.00
In Checking Account		56.94
Notes Receivable	$1,019.87	

Respectfully submitted,
L. RIES.

Rev. C. J. Ringer of Council Bluffs, Iowa, was introduced to Synod.

Dr. G. B. Weaver read the report of the Board of Trustees of Midland College. Moved and carried that it be considered sereatim. Dr. H. F. Martin spoke in behalf of Midland College. Synod engaged in a special season of prayer for the cause of Christian Education and Midland College. Item 1 was referred back to the Committee. Item 2 was adopted. Item 3 adopted. Item 4 adopted. Report tabled until item one be recast.

Dr. R. A. White presented the report of the Necrologist. Adopted as amended. Dr. L. M. Kuhns was asked to lead in prayer in behalf of the bereaved families of Dr. J. N. Lenker and Rev. A. W. Young.

Rev. R. E. Rangeler read the report of the Trustees of Tabitha Home. Moved and carried that the report be considered sereatim. Miss Lolling was heard in behalf of Tabitha Home. Item one was adopted. Item 2 was referred back to the Trustees.

Moved and carried that the detailed financial report of Tabitha Home be printed in the Nebraska Synod Lutheran.

Rev. E. C. Mortensen read the report o fthe Executive Committee of Synod. Moved and carried that it be considered sereatim. Item 1 adopted. Moved and carried that this appear only in the protocol. Item 2 adopted. The report was interrupted by the order of the day.

Report of the Laymen's Movement for Stewardship was read by Rev. O. W. Ebright. Mr. G. L. Rinkliff was also heard in this connection. Moved and carried that the report be tabled until tomorrow.

Mr. Chris Zander from the United Danish Lutheran Synod spoke on the merging of Lutheran forces.

Adjournment with prayer by Rev. H. Dumler.

REPORT OF NECROLOGIST

During the year death has not taken any of our ministers, but has come into one of the families of our pastors. The child of Rev. A. W. Young and wife died recently.

Resolved that we deeply sympathize with our Brother and his companions and pray that the pains of their bereavement may be softened by the wonderful grace of God.

Recently Rev. John N. Lenker, D. D., of Minneapolis, Minnesota, was called to his eternal rest. Dr. Lenker was for a number of years of our Synod. Through his efforts our Church at Grand Island was established. He rendered effective service as Western Secretary of the Board of Church Extension of the General Synod. The Nebraska Synod was much benefitted by his work. He was very active in founding the Emigrant Mission Society of the Lutheran Church and the Statistical Society. His work on "Lutherans in All Lands" furnishes an amount of information that has scarcely a parallel anywhere.

Resolved that in the passing of Dr. Lenker, the Lutheran Church has lost a very useful member.

Resolved that the Nebraska Synod tenders to the bereaved family of our Brother its sincerest sympathies.

Resolved that the Secretary of the Synod be instructed to notify each of these families of the sympathy of the Synod in their respective losses.

Resolved that Synod stand and be led in prayer by Dr. L. M. Kuhns.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. WHITE, Necrologist.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

The Ordination Sermon was preached by Rev. G. K. Rubrecht, D. D., of Lincoln. Rev. E. G. Wood was ordained to the Gospel Ministry, and Mr. Arthur J. Pinkall and Mrs. Hugh Dowler were licensed for one year. The liturgical service was conducted by the pastor loci, Rev. K. de Freese. The officers of Synod were assisted in the Ordination Service by the members of the Examining Committee, and Rev. K. de Freese, and Dr. G. K. Rubrecht.

THURSDAY MORNING

Synod Chaplain Rev. R. E. Rangeler. He used 2 Cor. 3:18 as his text. The men's quintet furnished special music for the service.

Synod convened in business session by the President and Prayer was offered by Rev. G. P. Kabele.

The roll was called.

The minutes were read and approved as amended.

Rev. J. C. Miller read the report of the Apportionment Committee. Adopted.

REPORT OF THE APPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE

In accordance with the action of Synod which authorized a total budget of $52,914.00 to cover all specified objects, the committee has made the apportionment as follows:

The United Lutheran Church	56.46%
Synodical Treasury	11.56%
Ministerial Education	3.59%
Synodical Mission Fund	3.10%
Tabitha Home	4.87%
Midland College	15.96%
Salem Lutheran Church, Fremont	1.83%
Synodical Paper	1.51%
Seminary Contingent Fund	1.12%
Total	100.00%

Upon this basis with a communing membership of 8,436 as reported by the statistician, the following schedule is submitted:

Allen	$ 586	Nebraska City	668
Auburn	1,159	North Platte	$ 2,419
Beatrice	630	Omaha, First	1,027
Benedict, Bethel	145	Omaha, Grace	958
Benedict Zion	403	Omaha, K. M.	14,515
Dokota, Emman.	44	Omaha, Redeemer	1,184
Dokota, Salem	580	Omaha, St. Luke's	2,167
Davenport	920	Omaha, St. Mark's	1,134
Eagle	132	Oshkosh	189
Emerson	1,008	Paxton	617
Ericson	132	Ponca	914
Falls City	630	Potter	158
Fremont	2,035	Rising City	914
Gurley	535	Sidney	548
Grand Island	2,835	South Sioux City	718
Hampton	630	Stamford	617
Hardy	416	Stella	126
Hildreth	548	Sutherland	195
Hooper	857	Tekamah	334
Homer	284	Verdon	775
Hubbard	233	Walton	347
Leigh	819	Wayne	1,418
Lewellen	252	West Point	1,777
Lincoln, Grace	1,859	Wilber	328
Lincoln, St. James	183	Wolbach	554
McCool Junction	365	York	328

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. MILLER, Chairman

The laymen's Movement for Stewardship Committee report was resumed. Item one adopted. Item 2 adopted. Item 3 adopted. Report adopted as a whole.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LAYMEN'S MOVEMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Your Chairman of this Committee has endeavored according to the best of his ability and in accordance with time to assist the Pastors of the Nebraska Synod in inspiring their congregations to a greater response to the responsibility God has placed upon them.

In the latter part of November and in the first few days of December we had with us in the Nebraska Synod, Geo. L. Rinkliff, Associate Secretary of the Lutheran Laymen's Movement for Stewardship. Your local Chairman endeavored to bring Mr. Rinkliff in touch with as many people of the Nebraska Synod as possible. A number of his engagements were filled and a number had to be cancelled because of his sickness.

In March your Chairman received from the Laymen's Movement ninety pounds of the pamphlet, "At Home and Abroad." Self addressed cards were sent to all of the Pastors of the Synod by which they could state the number of copies they desired. Twenty-four applications were made. Approximately four thousand copies of this pamphlet were delivered for distribution in the congregations.

Appended to this report is a plan for the organization and plan of operation for congregational stewardship committees. It has brought splendid results in the Southern Conference of the Illinois Synod. Their benevolences were increased 10 per cent by this plan. It is very workable.

The Synod of East Pennsylvania is also working a plan which doubtless would prove very beneficial to the Nebraska Synod. The Committee on Stewardship mails monthly to every Pastor a printed copy of bits of information, which when presented to the congregation, either from the chancel at time of announcements or through parish papers, bulletin, announcement sheets, etc., tend to increase the laymen's interest in the general work of the Church.

Recommendations.

1. That our Executive Committee in appointing the Committee on Laymen's Movement for Stewardship appoint those who are accessible one with the other and bear in mind when choosing the members of this committee recommendation number two of this report.

2. That the Committee for Stewardship endeavor to carry out the plan of the Stewardship Committee of the East Pennsylvania Synod in mailing to the Pastors of the Nebraska Synod monthly, mimeographed statements of items of interest which will tend to arouse our laymen to a greater support in the activities of the United Lutheran Church.

3. That the Committee for Stewardship appointed at this session of Synod co-operate with the congregations in organizing congregational stewardship committees as suggested in the appended report.

Respectfully submitted,

O. W. EBRIGHT.

Item one of the report of the Midland Board of Trustees was adopted as recast and amended. Report adopted as a whole.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF MIDLAND COLLEGE

Midland College has had a prosperous year. It has not enjoyed increased financial blessing to any marked degree. The College has been eminently successful as an educational and character-building enterprise, however. The President, H. F. Martin, speaks of the situation as encouraging. A united faculty and a harmonious student body have contributed to a year of good-will and co-operation.

Thirty-five young men and women received degrees from the College last year and twenty-three young people received certificates from the Business School and from various departments of the College. Two young men were graduates from the Western Theological Seminary.

There are two hundred and ten students in the four College classes. There has been a gratifying increase of sixteen per cent the last year in the Freshman class.

There are twelve students in the Western Theological Seminary, the same as last year. Two of these are wives of students but they are taking the full course. Dr. Robert L. Patterson resigned as Professor of English Bible and Practical Theology on account of ill health.

The German Nebraska Synod placed Midland College on its apportionment for the first time at its meeting last fall.

The Midland College Speakers' Bureau, a department of the College, has been formed to meet the demand for speakers of ability on all occasions.

A study center has been established in Columbus, Nebraska. Seventeen pupils spend a good part of each Saturday under the instruction of two Midland Professors. A number of them will enter Midland College. Other such study centers are contemplated.

Under the direction of Professor Lyders, a capella choir of fifty voices has made a tour of Colorado, Nebraska and Kansas.

By action of the Board no one who is employed by the Board may be a member of the Executive Committee or the Board except the President. The power and responsibility of the President were increased this past year.

This Synod must ever keep in mind the financial condition of Midland College. During the past year the mortgages payable have been reduced by $6,000. Notes payable have been reduced by $10,500. This amount was applied on the Girls' Dormitory, which is now paid for. Accounts payable

have been reduced by $4,686. Purchases and expenses are less by $5,000. On January 22 the Operating Fund was in the clear. $5,000 has been paid on current operating notes payable. Despite these reductions the accumulated liabilities of the College are $120,000.

The total Appeal Fund receipts from January 1, 1928 to January 1, 1929 were $33,238. Of this amount $4,248 were paid as a result of the special clean-up campaign. The returns from this campaign have been very disappointing. About $6,000 have been paid into the fund since January 1, 1929. $30,504 of Appeal Fund receipts have been paid into the General Fund and applied on indebtedness, principally on Beegle Hall notes. $1,100 has been paid on endowment. It must be apparent to Synod that when the Board can no longer draw upon this Appeal Fund to meet emergencies and deficits, the situation will be most embarrassing. It calls for immediate and heroic action.

This Synod, together with the Kansas Synod, made overtures to the Board of Education to increase its annual appropriation to Midland College to $20,000. From January 1, 1928 to January 1, 1929 the Board of Education has given Midland College $12,000, an increase of $4,000 over the previous year. This entire amount has been used for operating expenses. In addition the Board of Education paid Midland College $2,000 in February. This amount is a part of the $6,000 Seminary Endowment which the Board of Education has held in trust since the merger. This money has been paid into Western Seminary endowment as will be the balance when it is received from the Board of Education.

More than $100,000 of the Appeal Fund subscriptions remain unpaid. The board at its December meeting instructed the Executive Committee to proceed to secure settlement of past due pledges, and in case settlement is not made, the Executive Committee shall proceed to collect same in a legal way, as may seem advisable to the Committee.

Mr. Dan Stephens of Fremont has made a liberal donation to the College for its astronomical observatory.

At the meeting of the Board last June the office of a full time salaried Treasurer was discontinued. The Board authorized the appointment of a Finance Committee from the Executive Committee to administer the endowment and special funds.

The heating system has been changed at a cost of $1,800. But this change has increased the comfort and decreased the coal bill.

At the meeting of the Board last June the question of merging the Western Seminary with some other Seminary was brought to the attention of the Trustees. The following resolution was the final action of the Board: "That the Board of Trustees of Midland College, relative to the Western Theological Seminary, favor the advisability of conferring with institutions of like character, relative to consolidating the forces and resources of the Seminary with Theological Seminaries in contiguous territory, in order to further the interests of our Lutheran Church in the west; Therefore, be it resolved that a committee of five be appointed consisting of three clergy-

men and two laymen, for the purpose of accomplishing such object by and with the advice and action of the proper authorities of the United Lutheran Church in America, and to report back as soon as progress is made in this direction, and be it further resolved that this Board commands the committee appointed to proceed without delay."

The committee was appointed and held several meetings with representatives of other Seminaries. Inasmuch as the committee was instructed to act "by and with the advice and action of the proper authorities of the United Lutheran Church," the committee addressed a communcation to the President of the Board of Education for its opinion as to the advisability and feasability of merger as suggested by the resolution. As a result of this communication a conference of the Board of Education and delegates from Synods on Midland territory was held at Erie, Pa., and it was agreed to ask the United Lutheran Church to instruct the Board of Education to make a survey as to the advisability and feasability of continuing Western Theological Seminary or merging it with some other Seminary of the United Lutheran Church. The Convention so instructed the Board of Education.

The Board of Trustees of Midland College has moved cautiously in this matter of merging the Seminary, having in mind the welfare of the College and as well the larger interests of the United Lutheran Church. It is very desirable that in such an important movement we should reach unanimity practically. Moreover the Midland Board desires the approval of the United Lutheran Church in its final action. Consequently at the December meeting of the Board a motion prevailed that in view of the serious crisis confronting Midland College we urge the members of the Theological Commission and the Board of Education to meet in session with the Board of Trustees of Midland College and Western Theological Seminary on the fifth day of February, 1929.

Since the action of the Board the whole matter of Theological Seminaries has been taken out of the hands of the Board of Education and lodged with the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church. The Executive Board has appointed a Theological Commission with Dr. August Steimle as Chairman. This Commission will make a thorough canvass of the entire Seminary situation and make definite recommendations. This Commission has made a beginning in its work for on April 17 two of its members met with the Board of Trustees and spent the day in conference.

Recommendations.

1. We recommend that this Synod express confidence in the Board of Trustees of Midland College in reaching a decision in the question of the merging or the maintainence of Western Theological Seminary, and that careful consideration to the advice and action to the Theological Commission be given, but it is provided that the whole matter shall be referred to the Synod for final action.

2. We recommend that we give loyal support to Western Theological Seminary and urge all young men preparing for the ministry in our territory to study at Western Seminary.

3. We recommend that Synod endorse 1930-1931 as Educational year and that we do now launch the campaign of 1930-1931 in the name of this Synod and instruct the Executive Committee of Synod to confer and meet with the Executive Committee of the College at such times and places as may be agreed upon to plan the campaign and to decide what disposition shall be made of the funds which will be raised. We recommend that the detailed report of these plans be made by the Executive Committee at the next meeting of Synod.

4. We recommend that Midland College be placed upon the Synodical apportionment of the Nebraska Synod to the amount of $1.00 per capita on the same basis as other benevolent objects in order to help the College meet its budget for 1930.

Respectfully submitted,
G. B. WEAVER, for the Trustees.

The deferred Tabitha Home Trustees report was taken up again. Item 2 adopted. Report as a whole adopted.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TABITHA HOME

Another year of Divine blessing has enabled Tabitha Home to close another year with a splendid record of service rendered in the Masters name. The generous support of the Church has made this possible. The following figures of human interest will tell the story of Tabitha's magnificent work. A total of 80 children received care during 1928. On January 1, 1929 there were 58 children, 30 boys and 28 girls, in Nazareth. 72 aged were taken care of during 1928. There were 8 deaths and 2 were dismissed, leaving 62 aged, 28 men and 34 women, in the home on January 1, 1929.

Tabitha has had its share of sickness during the year. The children attending the public schools come into contact with all the contagions, which of course affects Tabitha as it would our own homes. There were 35 cases of influenza, 6 cases of scarlet fever, 3 mastoid cases, 3 other surgical cases and one case of broken arms. But thanks to the fine care, the twenty-second year has passed without a death among the children. Real heroism was shown by the nurses of Tabitha who voluntarily went into quarantine and isolation with the sick, not stepping outside the sickroom for a period of weeks. An imperative need is proper sickroom and isolation facilities, which are included in the plans for Tabitha's New Building.

Of the children, 17 came directly from the Congregations of the Nebraska Synod, and a total of 29 or one-half are now members of the

Nebraska Synod by Baptism or Confirmation. Eight aged from the Nebraska Synod received care during 1928. Two of these have since died, leaving at present six from our Synod, five of whom have been at Tabitha for a period of 8 or more years.

Financially, the Lord has again provided. Receipts from all sources $48,967.81. Several large amounts from admitted aged have helped wonderfully. Expenses covering administration, service rendered and plant operation total $44,935.85. This leaves a balance on January 1, 1929 of $3,836.42 in the building fund, and only $205.54 in the general fund. Of the total receipts of over 48 thousand, the Nebraska Synod contributed $872.33 through the Treasurer of Synod.

The urgent need of Tabitha Home is a new fireproof building which will provide room for the helpless and bedridden aged; sickroom and isolation facilities for contagious disease, and chapel room for divine worship and other services. A resolution passed by the Board of Tabitha Home is presented in connection with this report.

Tabitha Home, through this report, wishes to show her sincere appreciation for many splendid contributions of food (16 cases of eggs, 2,000 quarts fruit) clothing, and cash from the Churches, Sunday Schools and Congregational organizations of the Synod of Nebraska. The ministrations of Tabitha would not be possible were it not for the ever growing interest on the part of the Churches on the territory. Tabitha gives sincere thanks to Almighty God for her many friends.

Recommendations.

1. In view of the present financial arrangement with the U. L. C. (see Minutes of the 1920 Convention of the U. L. C. Report of Inner Mission Board, pages 371 and 372 and page 402) we recommend that Tabitha Home be granted an apportionment of 5 per cent, which is an increase of 2.46 per cent.

2. We recommend the adoption of the following resolution: "Resolved: That we, realizing the great need for a fireproof building for the bedridden and helpless, respectfully ask the Synod of Nebraska to approve of the construction of the new building, and ask the Congregations of Synod to permit Dr. E. Walter, or his representative to explain the great need for this building and appeal for funds for the construction of the same."

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. HUMPE

R. E. RANGELER

The Executive Committee report taken from the table, and item 3 adopted. Dr. G. K. Rubrecht was heard. Mr. Herbert Dichsen gave the report of the Lutheran Student Work at the University of Nebraska.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR LUTHERAN STUDENT WORK IN NON-LUTHERAN SCHOOLS

There is no place where the need for missionary effort rests more heavily on the Church than in the large state educational centers. The Lutheran Church has realized this, and is trying to meet the need at the University of Nebraska.

The total number of Lutheran students enrolled in the University this year has been around 470. Of these, 135 are Missouri Synod and other Synodical Conference branches; they are taken care of by the Missouri Synod University Pastor, a full-time man, who is doing quite effectively. Of the rest, the estimated proportion is as follows: Nebraska Synod and other English U. L. C., 150; German Nebraska Synod, 25; Augustana Synod, 70; United Danish Church, 25; Iowa Synod, 15; Norwegian, 10; miscellaneous, 40. The Committee for Lutheran Student Work attempts to take care of them. It is a co-operative body representing the Nebraska and German Nebraska Synods of the U. L. C., the Augustana Synod, and the United Danish Church. Its aim is to keep the young people of our Church loyal to the Church. For this purpose the Committee employs a Student Secretary on the basis of a graduate fellowship. Herbert D. Dickson, a graduate of Midland College and member of Kountze Memorial Church, serves in this capacity is doing very satisfactory work. The work of the Student Secretary is three-fold:

(1) The responsibilities to the students.

He counsels and helps to direct the activities of the Lutheran Club. Of the eight regular meetings, three have been socials, one a business meeting, while four have been of a more serious, educational nature. On Nov. 2, Dr. C. P. Harry, Secretary for University Students of the Board of Education of the U. L. C. and Augustana Synod, spoke of approximately 100 students at a special dinner. On Dec. 7, Rev. G. A. Elliot gave an address on the Augustana Synod. On March 1, delegates to the regional Lutheran Student Association congerence, gave their reports. On April 5, Rev. John Hiltner gave an address on the Iowa Synod. The Secretary seeks to have a good program arranged and interest students in the Club.

He tries to form direct personal contact with the students. The claims of the Church are presented, and the obligations to the Church of their membership are emphasized. Of the 335 students, the Secretary this year has been able to make direct contact with over half, about 180. He also acts as a friend and counsellor to the students.

(2) The responsibilities to the Churches.

He attends the services in the four representative Churches.

He speaks before the various Leagues, and sometimes is called in to supply service when a pastor is not in town.

(3) The responsibilities as a representative.

On the Federation of Church Workers, he is considered as one of the Lutheran Men, co-operating in general Church activities.

In this capacity, he gave the message on Good Friday in the Student Holy Week services, held in the University Episcopal Church, at which each evening one of the church workers gave an address.

The support of the work this year has been as follows: The Board of Education, $400; Nebraska Conference of the Augustana Synod, $200; German Nebraska Synod, $125—a total of $725. The United Danish Church formerly contributed $100, and will likely do so again next year.

The facilities for the work are very poor. A desk is provided for the Secretary, which is set on one side of the postoffice room in the Temple Building, where constantly students are coming and going, thus allowing hardly any privacy. A comparison with other groups show our work to be exceedingly inadequate as to quarters. That is the reason the Committee is urgently desirous of putting the work on a more effective basis by having better quarters.

The Committee believes that this is important work, which is worthy of the prayerful concern and enlarged support of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

G. K. RUBRECHT.

Item 4 of the Executive Committee report was read and adopted after a speech by Mr. Herbert Fischer, President of the Nebraska Luther League. Item 5 adopted. Item 6 adopted. Executive Committee report adopted as a whole.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Executive Committee of Synod held five meetings during the past year. All were held in Omaha.

All the Standing Committees were appointed by the Executive Committee as they appear in the printed minutes of Synod.

Action was taken by the Committee to apprise the Women's Missionary Society of their bill due Synod for the printing of their minutes for 1923, 1924, 1925, and 1926, in accordance with the action of Synod as recorded in the 1923 minutes, page 64.

Item 1—A Special Conference Committee from the Midland College Board of Trustees presented the following request to the Executive Committee:

"This Committee asks the approval of the Executive Committee of Synod and its subsequent recommendation to the Synod of Nebraska, of a plan of procedure whereby the Synod sponsors the Educational Campaign (of 1930 and 1931) in much the same way as the Synod sponsored the Campaign for Ministerial Pensions."

(Signed) H. FISCHER
H. F. MARTIN } Committee.
W. I. GUSS

The Executive Committee approves this request, and recommends it to Synod.

Item 2—Your Committee recommends to Synod the appointment of a Standing Committee consisting of three pastors and two laymen for the purpose of conferring with a similar committee from the German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, or other Lutheran bodies of the State, relative to merging into one United Lutheran Synod of Nebraska.

Item 3—After hearing from Dr. G. K. Rubrecht about the work of the Committee for Lutheran Student Work at the University of Nebraska, we recommend that a $200 appropriation be made for this Committee, to be paid from the Synodical Treasury.

Item 4—We also approve of the work of the above Committee relative to the establishing of a Lutheran Student Foundation at the University of Nebraska, and recommend that it be sponsored by the young people's organizations of the various Synodical bodies of the State of Nebraska.

Item 5—In response to a petition from the Women's Missionary Society that their minutes for 1927 and 1928 be printed with this year's synodical minutes, the Executive Committee recommends, according to the Standing Resolution of Synod (see 1923 minutes, page 64) that they be given 25 pages in this year's minutes free of charge, and any additional pages to be paid for at the regular rate per page of this year's minutes.

Item 6—The following recommendation was passed by the Executive Committee: "Whereas incorrect bills seem to have been sent to the Synodical Women's Missionary Society for their extra pages in the Synodical Minutes of 1923, 1924, 1925 and 1926, and whereas this Society has no funds to make payment for the balance due, we recommend that the said amount ($204.73) be cancelled."

The Executive Committee took action in the case of Rev. A. A. Marohn, and signed papers are filed with the President of Synod and in the 1929 Protocol of Synod, to the effect that Rev. A. A. Marohn has demitted the Gospel Ministry, and his name has been stricken from the roll of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. MORTENSEN, Secretary.

Moved and carried that the Committee on the Constitution be authorized to have the proposed Constitution set up in type, and proof of the same be sent to all pastors and lay delegates of the Synod at least one month before the next meeting of Synod, and that the said type be kept standing for the final publ.cation of the Constitution.

The following Resolution was passed:

Whereas, in view of the limited size of our Synod and of the missionary and educational needs on our territory, it is question-

able whether or not a full-time salaried president of Synod is advisable, be it

RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of Synod be instructed to appoint a special committee of three clergymen and two laymen to investigate and carefully consider the advisability of continuing to have a salaried full-time president of Synod, and that said committee report at the next convention of Synod before the adoption of the proposed new Constitution for Synod.

The report of the Secretary of Young People's Societies was given by Mr. Herbert Fischer. Adopted.

The report of the Secretary of the Church Schools was read by Rev. F. C. Wiegman. Adopted. Dr. C. H. B. Lewis was heard in this connection.

Adjournment with prayer by Rev. C. R. Lowe.

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF CHURCH SCHOOLS

The statistics of Church Schools of 1928 are as follows: Sunday Schools: number, 53; officers and teachers, 946; scholars, 8,221. Week-day schools: number, 13; teachers, 53; scholars, 506. Catechumens, 1,000. Comparison with 1927 shows the following: Increases: 340 Sunday School scholars, 3 week-day schools, 35 week-day school scholars. Decreases: 7 Sunday School officers and teachers, 155 catechumens. The number of Sunday schools and of week-day school teachers remains the same.

Recommendation.

It is recommended that the Executive Committee select certain congregations and recommend to them the experiment of using the various forms of combination services, with the end in view of ascertaining which form, or forms, may be practicable for general use in this synod.

Respectfully submitted,
FRED C. WIEGMAN,
Secretary of Church Schools.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Meeting called to order by the President and prayer was offered by Mr. O. E. Schellberg.

The minutes were read and approved.

Mr. O. E. Schellberg, President of the Lutheran Brotherhood of the Nebraska Synod, spoke in behalf of that organization.

Moved and carried that Synod have the remaining part of the new Constitution read for 45 minutes. All was read.

The following Resolution was passed by Synod:

Whereas, the Committee on the Constitution have submitted parts of the Constitution to the several Conferences for their recommendations, and which recommendations have received serious and thoughtful consideration, therefore, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee on the Constitution, having presented and read to Synod a full draft of the Constitution and By-Laws proposed for adoption by Synod, which must lie over for one year before action thereon; that this committee be empowered to study the Constitution during the year and receive suggestions and make such revision as may be necessary in their judgment so that final action may be taken by Synod at its session one year hence; and that the Constitution as presented one year hence shall be considered as having been presented at this meeting of Synod, and all suggestions and amendments thereto to be acted on in like manner.

Rev. G. P. Kabele read the report of the Synod Paper. Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SYNODICAL PAPER

Six issues of the Nebraska Synod Lutheran have been issued since the last meeting of Synod, the number of issues being limited by the funds available. Each issue consisted of 6,300 copies, reaching the entire membership of Synod in so far as pastors have co-operated in correcting the mailing lists. By a thorough overhauling of the mailing list with the help of the pastors, many names of those no longer entitled to the paper were eliminated, and the names of new members added. This meant considerable extra labor by the editor and at the printing plant as well as expense, but was necessary if the paper was to reach those who should receive it. The committee appreciates the splendid co-operation given by the pastors and officials in supplying the news of Synod.

Cost of printing and mailing	$451.00	
Postage, second class	21.50	
Expense for correcting mailing lists	58.00	$530.50
Paid by Synodical Treasurer	$529.50	
Received from subscriptions	1.00	$530.50

The Committee recommends that the size of the paper be changed from 9x12 inches to 11x16 inches, permitting a 50 per cent increase in matter at

an increased cost of $15.00 per issue for the same number of copies, and with but a slight increase in postage per issue. This would make it possible to cover more fully the news and information that should be given our people concerning Synod's work in a smaller number of issues per year. Four issues of the larger size would contain as much matter as six of the present size and could be put into the homes of our people for about $100 less.

Respectfully submitted,

G. P. KABELE.

The report of the Committee on Ministerial Pensions and Relief was read by Dr. W. T. Kahse. Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL PENSIONS AND RELIEF

Your committee finds that of the 52 churches on our Synodical Roll, 47 proved their loyalty in supporting the Campaign heartily. Two sent in a special offering for this cause, and three dismissed the plea without any response.

The sum total pledged by our Synod of $54,756.00 was to be in five payments, six months apart, unless some should prefer it in less time. Following this arrangement, two payments became due in 1928, and called for the sum of $21,902.00. The sum received by our Synodical Treasurer resulted in $22,419.90, and was $517.00 above the amount required to meet these payments. The committee observed that 32 of our churches met this obligation in full, and in addition sent in $3,066.00 to be applied upon the third payment. That was a commendable thing.

On the other hand, it cannot pass by the lack of interest shown by those congregations which failed to meet their obligation. Delay will make this task doubly hard, and at the end may court failure. Particularly is this true of a congregation having placed the payment of their pledge in the Congregational Budget. Delay here is certain to bring dire results and in the end may result in discredit upon our Synod.

The total of 15 churches delinquent in the first and second payment reached the sum of $2,821.00. The delay here calls for serious thought. The third and fourth payment will be required in 1929, and $21,902.00 is the goal to set to meet the obligation. To do so will mean united action on the part of all of our congregations to make this possible. The Committee would recommend that each pastor in charge of a parish assist those in their congregations to whom is entrusted the responsibility of collecting these pledges, by giving them such aid as will obtain the best results.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. KAHSE.

The report of the Ministerial Education Committee was read by Rev. K. de Freese. Adopted.

REPORT ON COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

Your committee wishes to report that during the year nine applicants have received aid.

Mr. Louis Weitzenkamp. A senior in college. $200. He expects to earn enough during the summer so that he will need no aid next fall.

Mr. Leo Nielsen. A senior in college. $200.

Mr. George P. Krebs. A sophomore in college. $100.

Mr. Hugh Dowler. A middler in the Seminary. $200.

Mr. Willard Elaxander. A freshman in college. Was granted $150. Received the first installment only. $75. Left school after first semester, but will return this fall.

Mr. Werner Jessen. A sophomore in college. $200.

Mr. George Eller. A freshman in college. $175.

Mr. Ernest Haugse. A freshman in college. $200.

Mr. Harry Coder. A senior in college. $200.

The committee held two meetings in Fremont, at which times the applicants were interviewed by the committee. Much correspondence was necessary, due largely to a lack of knowledge of, and appreciation for the rules and regulations governing the committee and applicants.

All Pastors, Guarantors and Applicants should carefully study the constitution pertaining to this matter.

The Ministerial Education Fund has been exhausted and unless the full amount asked for from Synod is received it will be necessary either to reduce the number of applicants or the amounts asked for by the applicants.

We wish to recommend:

1. That the Ministerial Education Fund be granted $1,500 by the Apportionment Committee.

2. That we recommend to Synod that the work of the Committee on Ministerial Education be entirely reconstructed and that the Committee on Ministerial Education of our Synod be empowered to make a full and complete revision of its work and report the same back to Synod at its next regular session.

Respectfully submitted,
K. DE FREESE, Chairman.

Rev. Henry Dumler read the report of the Inner Mission Committee. Adopted.

INNER MISSION

Nothing has come before your committee demanding its special attention. We would suggest, however, that the Church under no circumstances should let welfare organization do the work of mercy which belongs to the Church. It is the duty and privilege to do the same work the Master did as He said His followers would do.

We refer Synod to the report our Inner Mission Institution, Tabitha Home as presented by its representatives.

Respectfully submitted,
W. A. KLINK.

Rev. H. A. Anspach read the report of the Foreign Missions Special Committee. Adopted.

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Your committee reports that speakers were secured and appointments made for them to present the special offering appeal of the Foreign Mission Board during the Epiphany season.

The chairman of the committee, Prof. J. J. Raun, read a paper on Missions at the Midland Pastors' and Students' Conference.

In the hope that it will be used as a guide for study and work in the congregations during the winter, a suggestive program will be prepared and sent out to the pastors of the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
H. A. ANSPACH.

Rev. W. C. Heidenreich read the report of the Committee on Evangelism. Adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

In accordance with the spirit of the United Lutheran Church in America, your Committee on Evangelism has endeavored to awaken a greater interest in Evangelism among the churches of our Synod.

By means of the Nebraska Lutheran, we have kept the matter of reclaiming the straying and winning the lost before the churches. We also sent a letter to each pastor, immediately preceding the Lenten season.

Your Committee tried to follow out the recommendations of the Committee on Evangelism of the United Lutheran Church in America in regard to the holding of institutes on Evangelism. But because of the condition of the roads in rural centers and because of the Lenten season it was impossible to conduct more than one such institute.

Under the direction of the chairman of the Committee, an institute was held at Emerson by the Northeastern district. All pastors of the district were present. Rev. H. Welchert and H. A. Teckhaus of the German Nebraska Synod were present also, and had a place on the program. The plan of program as outlined by the General Committee was carried out as far as practical. All speakers were from the district, and laymen taking an active part in the discussions. We believe such institutes are a great help in fostering the spirit of soul saving in our churches.

Your Committee would recommend:

First: That each district in Synod arrange for one or more institutes in the fall, as an incentive to more earnest and thorough work for the coming year. As far as possible, we would advise using local workers on the program. The laymen especially should be given the opportunity to express themselves on this important matter. The program, as outlined by the General Committee, will be found suggestive. (See Minutes of the Erie Convention of the U. L. C. in America, page 299.)

Second: That the slogan of Synod "A 10 per cent increase in Communing Members" be stressed more strongly in our churches.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. HEIDENREICH.

Rev. J. L. Sawyer read the report of the Tither's League Committee. Adopted.

REPORT ON TITHER'S LEAGUE

In order to secure information as to Tithing in our Synod, your committee sent out a questionnaire. Thirty-one replies were received out of 38 sent. From these replies the following information was secured. There are 88 enrolled in the Tither's League which is an increase of 7 over the number reported last year. There are about 120 tithers in the Synod who are not members of the League.

Increased interest is manifest in tithing, for the reports show that tithing, as well as stewardship, is stressed in all pastorates from which replies came in.

Your committee is planning to send copies of the Constitution of the Tither's League to all pastors in the Synod. We hereby recommend that the League be called to the attention of each congregation with the hope of increasing interest in tithing.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. SAWYER.

Dr. G. K. Rubrecht read the report of the Committee on the President's Report. Adopted. All items adopted sereatim. Final item adopted by rising vote and prayer by Rev. K. de Freese.

COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Your Committee on President's Report desires to submit the following:

The President's Report tabulates the usual facts and statistics pertaining to the work of the Synod and indicates that the interests of Synod have not been neglected. The year has been an extremely busy one for the President. It has required much time, irregular hours and many hardships.

The Committee heartily commends Dr. Guss for his untiring efforts and deep interest in every problem of the Church and Synod and assures him the continued hearty co-operation of Synod in his many and different labors.

Action upon the President's recommendations was as follows:

No. 1. Approved.

No. 2. Approved and that special attention be called by the President of Synod to every congregation guilty of this practice, at the same time urging the election of a separate Benevolence Treasurer, as suggested by the United Lutheran Church and Synod, to overcome this difficulty.

No. 3. Approved.

No. 4. Approved.

No. 5. Approved.

No. 6. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,
G. K. RUBRECHT.

Rev. W. H. Saas gave the report of the Committee on Letters and Papers. A letter from the Executive Committee of the Women's Missionary Society was incorporated. Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PAPERS

Your committee respectfully reports that no papers requiring the attention of this body have been submitted.

Respectfully submitted,
M. J. HARDER, Chairman.

Rev. O. W. Ebright read the report of the U. L. C. delegates. Permission was granted to the President to condense report for printing in minutes.

REPORT OF DELEGATES TO THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH CONVENTION

The delegates elected from this body to the Sixth Biennial Convention of the United Lutheran Church in America, held at Erie, Pennsylvania,

were (clerical) Revs. W. I. Guss, O. D. Baltzly, H. F. Martin, O. W. Ebright, J. C. Hershey, (Lay) Messrs. E. T. Tramp, H. Corbet, Karl E. Vogel, Jos. H. Miller and Arthur Sudman. All were present except Mr. Karl E. Vogel. Not one of the alternates could be induced to attend.

The Convention was preceded by the Brotherhood Meeting of the United Lutheran Church. This meeting was notable for the large number of laymen present and for the earnestness with which these men discussed and planned to meet the problems that face the Church.

The Brotherhood recommended four definite objectives to be taken up by every local men's organization. These objectives are:

1. The larger attendance of men at the services of the Church.
2. Securing the return of lapsed membership.
3. The winning of the outside men.
4. The holding of the boys in the Church.

A Convention "Daily Lutheran" was published and copies of the same were sent to all ministers of our Synod.

The spirit of the Convention was that of intense interest in all the spheres of the Church's work.

Independence of thought upon matters presented for consideration indicated that no one part of the Church should control her interests or decide her problems.

President Knuble's report urged that the Church ought to emphasize the idea of "serving love" or "works of mercy," if it is to have a future.

A model Constitution for Congregations has been recently published, with the approval of the Executive Committee of the United Lutheran Church.

The Calendar of Special Days and Seasons to be observed by the Congregations, received the endorsement of the Convention. (See Resolution of the Erie Minutes.)

Resolutions in reference to irregularities of Retired Clergymen were passed. These are printed on Page 101 of the Minutes of the Erie Convention. All of our ministers should read these.

A Family Service Book has been published for use in the home for devotions. Our Publication House has this for sale.

The New Book of Worship with Hymns and Tunes will be published soon. Discussion on this was spirited. The new book will have from one to three stanzas of the words printed between the music.

The Report of the Foreign Mission Committee told of a debt of $400,000.00. The Board was authorized to go to the Churches and Sunday Schools and to individuals to solicit cash to pay off this debt. The matter of giving up the work of our African Mission precipitated an outburst of oratory and protest. The work goes on.

The Committee on Evangelism presented a program for the Churches. Our Synodical Committee will bring this matter to your attention from time to time.

The Board of Education brought in resolutions that were endorsed, making the year 1930 "Educational Year." "Pastors are requested to take occasion frequently during the year 1930 to stress the cause of Christian Education and in every possible way to lay this burden of the adequate support of our Colleges and Seminaries upon the hearts of all our people, and to co-operate heartily with representatives of their institutions in making this special appeal successful."

One of the high spots of interest was when the matter of adopting the budget for the Benevolence Apportionment was discussed. Of much interest was the way that the laymen took part in the discussion. The amount adopted for 1930 and 1931 is $2,400,000.00 per annum.

The Report of the Parish and Church School Board was filled with valuable information and helpful suggestions.

The Board of American Missions reported that an average of one New Church is being organized each week.

Another item of interest was the frank, open discussion of the matter of merging of the Lutheran bodies in America. Dr. Scherer well said: "Our divisions bring shame on us. * * * If we are true to ourselves, true to the real genius of Lutheranism, true to our Lord and Savior, we must seek the removal of these divisions."

This Convention was the Tenth Anniversary of our organization. In the past ten years the Confirmed Membership of the United Lutheran Church has increased twenty per cent (20%). This was the largest percentage of gain among Lutheran bodies.

The Benevolences of our Church have doubled, while the giving to current expenses of the local Congregations is now three times what it was ten years ago.

The endowments of our educational institutions have increased $3,000,000.00. Our College property values have increased over one-third (⅓). Our College Students have increased twenty per cent (20%).

The year 1929 will be the 400th Anniversary of Luther's Cathechisms and of the Second Diet of Spires, where the name of Protestants was first given to the Lutherans of Germany.

The year 1930 will be the 400th Anniversary of the Augsburg Confession. Our pastors and Churches are urged to observe these Anniversaries.

Forward in Evangelism, Religious Education and Works of Mercy for Christ and His Kingdom were the dominant notes of this Convention.

Respectfully submitted,
W. I. GUSS, Chairman of Delegation.

Dr. C. H. B. Lewis read the report of the Committee on Architecture. Adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ARCHITECTURE

As a Committee we have not been called upon for any advice relative to Church building, although the chairman has been consulted personally at various times relative to proposed changes to make a church building more suitable for educational purposes.

In addition to the official Committee on Architecture of the United Lutheran Church, there is also a special subcommittee of the Parish and Church School Board especially interested in that part of church building devoted to educational work. It is expected that your committee shall function in co-operation with these two committees in the interest of better buildings.

C. H. B. LEWIS.

Rev. W. H. Saas read the report on the State of the Church. Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE CHURCH

Your Committee on the State of the Church has received reports from 43 out of a possible 52 congregations and have noted the following conditions to be existent among the churches of Synod.

Twenty-six congregations report an increase in attendance, two a decrease and twelve that the attendance is stationary.

Only sixteen Churches report two regular services each Sunday. A few others report a Luther League service in the evening.

Twenty-two congregations use the Common Service Book. Most of the others report the use of the Book of Worship.

A large percentage of the congregations observe most of the major Church festivals. A few report the observance of Christmas and Easter.

Only five Congregations report separate preparatory services. A number report preparatory services in connection with the Communion Sevice.

The proportion of Sunday School scholars attending public worship ranges from 8% to 100% with an average of 45%. A few congregations report that a 100% of their councilmen attend Sunday School, seven report one attending, several report none attending. Others give various percentages and numbers.

About 60% of the pastors teach classes. Several pastors act as general supervisors, two teach catechetical classes, one acts as superintendent, several as substitute teacher and general handy man.

Only fifteen congregations have separate benevolence treasurers.

Twenty congregations issue weekly bulletins.

Fifteen congregations report no difficulty in holding the young people. To the other congregations the problem of holding the young people remains unsolved, although some of these offer solutions to the problem.

We recommend that a plan be devised whereby all may be able to profit by the experience of those pastors who have solved the problem of holding the young people.

Respectfully sumbitted,
J. C. MILLER.

Rev. A. O. Frank read the report of the Midland Assembly. Adopted.

MIDLAND ASSEMBLY REPORT

The Midland Assembly for Church Workers, the School of the Synod for the training of lay leaders in all branches of church work, was held in Fremont, Nebraska, in the building of Midland College, July 31 to August 5, 1928.

Faculty.

Mrs. C. E. Paulus, Chicago; the Rev. O. D. Baltzly, Ph. D., D. D., LL. D., Omaha; the Rev. C. H. B. Lewis, D. D., Fremont; the Rev. H. F. Martin, Ph. D., D. D., Fremont; the Rev. C. K. Rubrecht, D. D., Lincoln, and the late Rev. S. P. Long, D. D., Chicago.

In the absence of the president, Mr L. H. Steinhoff was appointed as director of the Assembly. Rev. J. L. Sawyer of York and Miss Johanna Nowiezonki, Omaha, served as song leader and junior director, respectively.

Attendance.

Over against 97 delegates and visitors registering in 1927 a total of 222 registered the past year. Some of this increase may be accounted for in the fact that the Woman's Missionary Society held its state convention in Fremont, the same days, meeting in the afternoon. More extensive advertising of the splendid program brought many others. The English Nebraska Synod furnished 191 of the delegates. Other Synods represented were Kansas, Iowa, Rocky Mountain, German Nebraska, German Iowa, United Danish and Augustana. Seventy-seven of the 222 had not attended before.

Finance.

The Assembly was again financed through the church organizations of Synod. Receipts for the year, $273.95. Disbursements, $327.16. Deficit, $52.23. Balance from previous years, $676.05. Balance at close of the Assembly last year, 1928, $622.82.

The deficit last year was due to the decision not to have a registration fee. This coming year assessments were increased sufficiently to take care of the loss due to no registration fee.

Board of Control.

Members of the Board of Directors for the year were: Ex-officio, President of Synod, President of the Woman's Missionary Society, Brotherhood and the Synodical Secretaries of Church Schools and Young People's Societies. Elected: Dr. H. F. Martin, Dr. G. N. Mendenhall, A. O. Frank, C. L. Stager, Mesdames George H. Haase, G. E. Hickman, C. P. Karriker, and O. L. Sturtevant.

Officers of the Board elected were: President, A. O. Frank, Auburn; Secretary, Mrs. G. H. Haase, Emerson; Treasurer, Mrs. G. E. Hickman, Fremont. In the absence of the president last year, President of Synod W. I. Guss, appointed C. L. Stager, Vice President.

Dates for the next Assembly are August 5-11, inclusive.

Recommendations.

1. That the Synod continue its active support of the Midland Assembly.
2. That the Executive Committee of Synod be authorized to act upon the amendments to the Assembly constitution to be acted on at the next Assembly meeting.

Respectfully submitted.
A. O. FRANK,
President.

Rev. T. D. Rindé read the report of the Resolutions Committee. Resolution 4 was referred to the Executive Committee. Resolutions 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7 adopted. Report adopted as a whole.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Resolved, that we express our appreciation of the presence of Mr. G. L. Rinkliff representing the layman's Movement for Stewardship and the Lutheran Brotherhood; and of Miss Frances Lolling, representing Tabitha Home.

2. Resolved, that we inform our congregations of the financial condition of Midland College, and recommend that the Executive Committee set a special day of prayer for Midland College.

3. Resolved, that we commend Dr. H. F. Martin for his efficient management of Midland College, as indicated by his report, and that we pledge our continued support to him in his administration.

4. Resolved, that all reports involving statistics presented to Synod, close with the calendar year.

5. Resolved, that efforts be made to so arrange the dates of the Synodical meetings on this territory that representatives of the Boards can attend all the Synods on one trip West.

6. Resolved, that we confirm to the plans of the National Lutheran Council in the observance of the Quadricentennial of Luther's Catechism.

7. Resolved, that we express our appreciation to the Church of Our Redeemer, its pastor and choir, and to all who have contributed to the success of this Convention, and that a copy of this resolution be read to the congregation.

Respectfully submitted,
THOMAS D. RINDE,
Chairman.

Rev. J. C. Miller read the report of the Committee on the Protocol. Moved and carried that the Protocol and minutes both be made to conform to the facts by the secretary.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROTOCOL

An examination of the printed minutes shows variations from the protocol as follows:

Page 6. Dr. J. A. Lowe's address (636 N. 41st St.) should be "2604 4th St."

Page 7. Protocol shows E. G. Wood attended one session of Synod and A. W. Young attended all sessions.

Page 19. The loan to St. James' Church, Lincoln, was $500 instead of $5050.

Page 26. "Valuation of church property" is printed "valuation of church schools."

Page 31. In second recommendation, the word "Lutheran" is omitted.

Page 38. In tenth line, should be "treasurer of the (assembly).

Page 40. The signature of the president should be followed by the words "Board of Directors, Tabitha Home."

Page 60. "R. C. Rangeler" should be "R. E. Rangeler".

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. MILLER,
Chairman.

The Amendment to the Constitution recorded on page 61 of the 1928 minutes was laid on the table.

Dr. W. T. Kahse read the report of the Committee on the Program for Next Year. Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SPEAKERS AND CHAPLAIN

Your committee would report the following:

Communion sermon Rev. G. E. Mortensen; Alternate, Rev. W. A. Klink.

Ordination sermon, Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, D. D., Lt. D.; Alternate, Rev. Klass de Freese.

Organist, Rev. E. A. Vosseler.

Chorister, Rev. J. L. Sawyer.

Chaplain, Rev. Wm. C. Heidenreich; Alternate, Rev. C. H. Kemper.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. KAHSE,

Chairman.

Invitations for the 1930 Convention of Synod were extended by Hildreth, Davenport and Hooper. Synod ballotted in favor of Davenport. The time of the next meeting was left in the hands of the Executive Committee.

The Constitutional Amendment (Page 61, 1928 Minutes) was taken from the table, and changed to include "or its equivalent" following the words "railroad fare." Adopted. Main Amendment adopted.

Rev. C. R. Lowe read the report of the Committee on Conference Minutes and Reports. Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE MINUTES AND REPORTS

Your committee has read the minutes of the meeting of the South Platte, North Platte and Western Conferences and find that they held meetings in accordance with the decree of Synod.

They all report appreciative and profitable sessions. As there was nothing demanding the attention of Synod, your committee has nothing further to report.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. CORDTS.

The report of the Committee on Publicity was read by Rev. F. C. Wiegman. Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICITY

Your committee on publicity has discharged the usual duties of its office. The principal newspapers of the state were given advance publicity, and the Omaha papers received accounts of the progress of the convention daily. Resumes will be sent The Lutheran and the Nebraska Synod Lutheran.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE,

Fred C. Weigman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

The report of the Committee on Leave of Absence was read by Rev. F. C. Wiegman. Adopted.

The following have been excused for the sessions indicated:

L. L. Ries, 4-7th; G. N. Mendenhall, 6-7th; J. C. Miller and B. F. Hubbard, 1st; Dr. C. B. Harman, 6-7th; A. W. Young and E. Bollman, all sessions; E. Dorner, 6-7th; J. F. Smith, 7th; Esburn Wheeler, 6-7th; and W. H. Saas, 2nd.

Respectfully submitted,
FRED C. WIEGMAN,
Chairman.

Moved and carried that Synod print 1,500 copies of the 1929 minutes.

Moved and carried that the Executive Committee allow the bills for janitor and stenographic service of the host church.

Moved and carried that the Lutheran Brotherhood minutes be included in the printed minutes.

Moved and carried that the Synod map be brought up to date.

Moved and carried that the photographs of the new Stamford Church be published in the printed minutes.

Moved and carried that all unfinished business be referred to the Executive Committee.

The newly elected officers of Synod were installed by the President.

Synod closed its convention with the formal closing service.

I hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of the proceedings of the Fifty-seventh Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, held in the Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer of Omaha, Nebraska, May 21-23, 1929.

E. C. MORTENSEN, Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

of the

Lutheran Brotherhood

of the

Evangelical Lutheran Synod

OF NEBRASKA

Held at Fremont, Nebraska, April 3, 1929

The Twelfth Annual Meeting was held at Salem Lutheran Church of Fremont, and was called to order at 2 p. m. by President M. M. Martin of Allen.

The following Brotherhoods and Congregations were represented: Allen, Auburn, Dakota City, Fremont, Hampton, Hardy, Hooper, Lincoln, Nebraska City, North Platte, St. Mark's, Omaha; Church of Our Redeemer, Omaha; Sidney, South Sioux City, Tekamah, Wakefield, West Point and York.

The meeting was opened with a Devotional Service led by Rev. J. C. Miller of Allen. G. E. Hickman, President of the Fremont Brotherhood, extended greetings in behalf of the Fremont Brethren and City of Fremont.

Dr. W. F. Rangeler introduced Dr. J. W. Kapp of Cincinnati, Executive Secretary of the United Lutheran Brotherhood of America, who was present.

Brother M. M. Martin of Allen, who as Vice President had succeeded to the office of President, following the resignation of President L. D. Swanson during the year, gave the annual address of the President.

Addresses were given by Carl L. Gordin of Auburn on "The Brotherhood Bible Class," and by Rev. J. L. Sawyer of York on

"The Brotherhood and Church Finance." These were followed by considerable open discussion on each of the subjects. Dr. H. F. Martin of Midland College spoke on "The Principle of the Tithe."

The Minutes of the annual meeting of April 28, 1928, were read and approved. The report of H. A. Gunderson, Treasurer, showing a balance of $66.74 was accepted and placed on file.

The President appointed the following Committees:

Nominating Committee—Fred B. Rohr, Omaha; Wm. Meyer, Hooper; B. M. Boals, Dakota City.

Publicity Committee—F. E. Wood, Fremont; and J. W. Bowyer, Omaha.

Resolutions Committee—O. E. Schellberg, Omaha; W. M. Hansen, York; W. W. Kuenning, Auburn.

Upon motion, the Objectives of the National Brotherhood were approved and recommended to the Brotherhoods of the state.

The following were the duly elected officers of the State Brotherhood for the ensuing year:

O. E. Schellberg, Omaha—President.

G. E. Hickman, Fremont—Vice President.

L. W. Johnson, West Point—Secretary.

H. A. Gunderson, Fremont—Treasurer.

The above officers together with Rev. A. O. Frank of Auburn and Rev. J. L. Sawyer of York constitute the Executive Committee.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Executive Committee arrange to have the Brotherhood follow the Synod District Plan in holding group meetings.

The invitation of the Fremont Brethren to hold the next annual meeting at Fremont again at the time of the Pastor and Student Conference was accepted by motion.

The afternoon meeting was adjourned with prayer by Dr. W. F. Rangeler.

At 6:30 p. m. a banquet was served by the ladies of Salem Lutheran Chuch, the music for which was furnished by the Ladies Trio and the A Capella Choir of Midland College.

Dr. J. W. Kapp of Cincinnati, Executive Secretary of the National Brotherhood, delivered an address on "Brotherhood Objectives" and Dr. H. M. Bannen of Rockford, Ill., spoke on "Martin Luther's Love and Loyalty." Both of these addresses were instructive and inspirational and each of the speakers lived up to his reputation as an orator.

Brother O. E. Schellberg of Omaha presented the report of the Resolutions Committee which was adopted by motion.

The meeting was closed at 9 p. m. with prayer by Dr. H. F. Martin.

L. W. JOHNSON, Secretary.